

PARISH ORGANISATION

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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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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.

**TODAY'S MASS
INTENTION**
9 am

For eternal rest of Józef
Paluszyński (intention
from the family)



**TODAY'S MASS
INTENTION**
11 am

O zbawienie wieczne dla
śp. Tadeusza Mieczysła-
wa Dziura (Msza Grego-
riańska, dzień 21)

Solemnity Holy Mother of the Rosary

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 pow'rs of evil God shall save him.
Of nature's forces, he shall ne'er 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: And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on in her heart.

**R: My heart is stirred by a noble theme, as I sing my
ode to the king.**

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

10/7 Today we celebrate Solemnity of the Holy Mother of the Rosary. We will hold a special collection for Missions.

10/9 Next Tuesday - Parish Committee meeting in the Church Hall at 2 pm.

10/13 Next Saturday we will confer the Sacrament of Baptism on **JAN PIEKARZEWSKI**. The celebration will take place in our church **at 2 pm**. All parishioners are welcome to participate in this great joy of receiving a new member of our parish community.

10/14 Next Sunday - **Solemnity of Christian Family**. We have still no intention for 9 am Mass. Would you like to have a Holy Mass celebrated for your family?!

- We would like to remind you about the possibility to offer a Holy Mass in your own, particular intention. You can do it in two ways: stop by the sacristy in the Church before/after Sunday mass or take one of the envelopes from the back of our Church, fill it and return to Fr. Adam. **We have still free Sundays in October (Oct 14, 21, 28) without any Mass intention!**
- The envelopes for **ALL SOULS DAY** are available at the back of the church. Write down the names of your deceased family members and return the envelope either to Fr. Adam personally or during the Sunday Mass collection. **All the envelopes must be submitted until October 31**. The solemn celebration of the Holy Eucharist for all deceased members of our families will take place in our church on **November 2 (Friday) at 6 pm and on November 4 (Sunday) at 9 am. and 11 am.**
- 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 parishioners and guests.

What God has joined together,
let no one separate.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's readings give us a wonderful refresher on the Biblical origins of the Sacrament of Marriage, going all the way back to the second chapter of Genesis in our First Reading. Adam's delighted reaction to Eve, his bride, is ancient praise of this beautiful sacrament. In our Gospel Reading, taken from St. Mark, we see the Pharisees questioning Jesus about the meaning and permanency of marriage. Jesus responds by going back to the origins we just recalled.

Today, perhaps more than at any other time in Christianity, marriage and family life are under attack. It is vital that we have a proper understanding of the Church's beautiful and solid teachings in these areas, which as we see in today's readings, go back to Genesis itself. These readings also invite us to reflect on the reality that we are to be good stewards of the vocation that the Lord has entrusted to us. If I am married, do I recognize that my spouse and my marriage are a gift from God that must be nourished, developed and tended? This brings to mind the stewardship aspect of "Time." After time spent with God, my next priority of time should be for my spouse. Do I realize that at the end of my life I will have to give an account to God for how I cared for the gift of my spouse and marriage? Do I make the time to pray regularly for and with my spouse? Do I understand that my marriage and family are meant to reflect the love of the Trinity itself? What a dignified calling this us! The gift of my marriage and family are meant not just for my spouse and my kids. My marriage and family are meant to be a blessing to all those I come into contact with.

READING 1

GN 2:18-24

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner."

So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God

caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 128

„May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.“

READING 2

HEB 2:9-11

A reading from the Letter to Hebrews.

We do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should ma-

ke the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters,

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

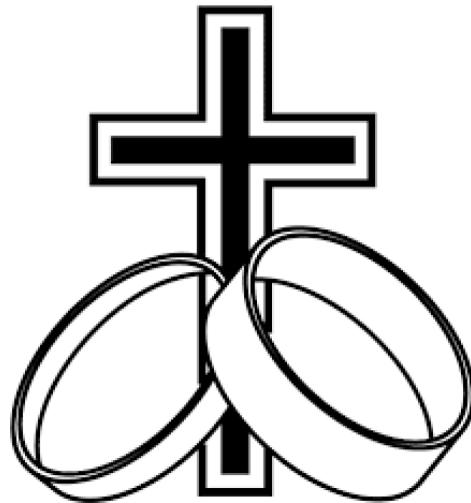
Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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.