



## PARISH ORGANISATION

### ADMINISTRATOR (PASTOR)

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### PARISH COMMITTEE

**CHAIRMAN** - Joseph Bednarz

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### PARISH COMMITTEE

*meets normally every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month.*

### PASTOR EMERITUS

- Rev. Henry Smolinski - henrysmoct@juno.com

## 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 all those who have offered the „All Souls Day” envelopes in remembrance of their deceased family members.



## TODAY'S MASS INTENTION 11 am

Za wszystkich, którzy ofiarowali koperty „All Souls Day” ku pamięci swoich bliskich zmarłych.

## XXX Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Contemporary Mass: Mass Book p.63

#### ENTRANCE HYMN - AS I KNEEL BEFORE YOU

As I kneel before you,  
As I bow my head in prayer,  
Take this day, make it yours  
and fill me with your love.

Ref: Ave Maria, Gratia plena,  
Dominus tecum, Benedicta tu. / x2

All I have I give you,  
Every dream and wish are yours,  
Mother of Christ,  
Mother of mine, present them to my Lord.

As I kneel before you,  
And I see your smiling face  
Ev'ry thought, ev'ry word  
Is lost in your embrace.

#### INTROIT

C: God's divine power has bestowed on us everything that makes for life and devotion, through the knowledge of Him Who called us by His glory and power.

**R: Anyone who lacks them is blind and shortsighted, forgetful of the cleansing of his past sins.**

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

- 11/1 (Thursday) SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS. Solemn Holy Mass in our church at 6 pm. in honor of All Saints, especially our name patron saints.
- 11/2 (Friday) ALL SOULS DAY. Solemn Holy Mass in our church at 6 pm. in honor of our deceased family members, pastors of St. John's and friends. After the Mass special prayer service in remembrance of our deceased parishioners & relatives (“wypominki”).
- 11/3 (Saturday) PIEROGI WORKSHOP at 10 am. in the church hall. Parishioners, as well as friends, are invited to help us. If you cannot stay for the full workshop, please come for any amount of time you can spare. We want to prepare and freeze as many pierogies as we can for our PIEROGI SALE which we'll hold on Nov 10, 2018.
- 11/4 Next Sunday after 9 am. Mass we'll move to our cemetery to have a short prayer service and blessing of the graves.

- 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.

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, we experience Jesus' compassion as He heals the blind man who has faith in His healing power. St. Francis de Sales notes:

*Your heart is held in God's hand of mercy. God will never abandon you even if you are troubled and in anguish. You never want to leave God when you are feeling sad and bitter. Instead call out to our Lord and our Lady, who never stop loving you. God's goodness with its gentle strength comes to our aid if we accept the needed help. In no way must we lose heart. If we cooperate with God's loving care for us, God's goodness will give us another, even greater help. God's mercy leads us from good to better so that we may advance in holy love.*

By frequently lifting up your heart to God during the day, you will strengthen your mind against useless and habitual thoughts that upset and torment you. You can say: "Yes Lord, I want to do this action because You want it." Choosing to endure difficulties so as to achieve what is better for us is a very powerful prayer before God, regardless of the complaints that come from our feelings. If you happen to fail, don't be disturbed. With great confidence in God's mercy, pick yourself up and continue to walk peacefully and calmly, as before, in faith. Even though we are weak, our weakness is not nearly as great as God's mercy toward those who want to love and hope in God.

I have seen few people make progress without experiencing trials, so you must be patient. After the squall, God will send the calm, for you are God's child. Our divine Savior never forgets to show that his mercy surpasses his justice. That his love and desire to forgive is infinite, and that he is rich in mercy. Consequently, Our Redeemer wishes that all be made whole through his divine love. Have faith in God's healing power.

## READING 1

## JER 31:7-9

**A reading from the book of the Prophet Jeremiah.**

Thus says the LORD:

Shout with joy for Jacob,  
exult at the head of the nations;  
proclaim your praise and say:

The LORD has delivered his people,  
the remnant of Israel.

Behold, I will bring them back  
from the land of the north;

I will gather them from the ends of the  
world, with the blind and the lame in

their midst, the mothers and those with  
child; they shall return as an immense  
throng.

They departed in tears,  
but I will console them and guide them;  
I will lead them to brooks of water,  
on a level road, so that none shall stum-  
ble.

For I am a father to Israel,  
Ephraim is my first-born.

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

*Thanks be to God.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

## PS 126

*„The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.“*

## READING 2

## HEB 5:1-6

**A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.**

Brothers and sisters:

Every high priest is taken from among men  
and made their representative before God,  
to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.

He is able to deal patiently with the igno-  
rant and erring,

for he himself is beset by weakness

and so, for this reason, must make sin offer-  
ings for himself as well as for the people.

No one takes this honor upon himself  
but only when called by God,

just as Aaron was.

In the same way, it was not Christ who glori-  
fied himself in becoming high priest,  
but rather the one who said to him:

*You are my son:*

*this day I have begotten you;*

just as he says in another place:

*You are a priest forever*

*according to the order of Melchizedek.*

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

*Thanks be to God.*

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.**

As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging. On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more, "Son of David, have pity on me." Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

**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 - HALLOWED BE FOREVER (BĄDŹŹE POZDROWIONA)**

Hallowed be forever, Living Host Divine,  
In which Christ our Savior hidden is sublime.

**REF:** Hail Thou Jesus, Son of Mary,  
Thou art God eternal, Won'drous mystery.

Hallowed be forever, Thou Angelic Bread,  
Sacrament Most Holy, by which we are fed.

Hallowed be forever, Shepherd Crucified,  
For us Thou didst suffer, for us Thou hast died.

Hallowed be forever, ris'n in victory,  
In this Bread Most Holy we would worship Thee.

**FINAL HYMN - O QUEEN OF THE ANGELS (KRÓLOWEJ ANIELSKIEJ)**

O sing to the Queen of the Angels, with roses adorning her brow;  
O give her your heart then in confidence, As humbly we praise her now.  
*O Mary, Be thou ever blessed, be our haven evermore. / x2*

O Mother of love it is through thee, The graces of God come to us;  
In tribute of thanks, now, on bended knee, Our homage we render thus:  
*O lily! So arrayed in splendor, Virtue radiates from thee. / x2*