



## PARISH ORGANISATION

### ADMINISTRATOR (PASTOR)

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### PARISH COMMITTEE

**CHAIRMAN** - Joseph Bednarz

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**FINANCIAL SECRETARY** - Edwin Koski

### 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.**

## XXXI Sunday in Ordinary Time

### TODAY'S MASS INTENTION 9 am

For our deceased parishioners, pastors of St. John's and our beloved relatives presented on remembrance cards (wypominki).



### TODAY'S MASS INTENTION 11 am

Za zmarłych parafian, duszpasterzy parafii i naszych bliskich zmarłych ofiarowanych w tegorocznych wypominkach.

### 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: You, O Lord, are near and all Your commands are permanent. Of old I know from Your decrees, that You have established them forever.

**R: See how I love Your precepts, O Lord; in Your kindness give me life.**

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

- 11/4 Today after 9 am. Mass we move to our cemetery to have a short prayer service and blessing of the graves. Please, take care of those who have no car or don't know the way to the cemetery.
- 11/4 Big "thank you" to everybody who attended yesterday's PIEROGI WORKSHOP in our church hall. We have prepared and freezed many trays of pierogies and now we are ready for our PIEROGI SALE which we'll hold on this coming Saturday.
- 11/10 Next Saturday PIEROGI SALE! From 11 am until sold out... Please take some flyers about this event and invite your friends and neighbors to come and support our church with the purchase...
- We have still free Sundays in November without any Mass intention! This is a great opportunity for you to have a Mass celebrated in the intention of your deceased family members and friends. You can ask for the Mass 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 it 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 parishioners and guests.



## GOSPEL REFLECTION

When we get right down to it, what is the most important dimension of our faith? Upon what foundation does the edifice of Christianity rest?

Jesus' answer is unambiguous: love. This love has three facets.

Love of God. The reason that we love God is because of who God is: our dignity, and our destiny. We love God because God is the most supreme and most infinite goodness.

Love of neighbor. Love of God not only commands love of neighbor, but it even produces and pours love of neighbor into our hearts. Just as we are in God's image, so the sacred love we have for one another is the true image of our heavenly love for God.

Love of self. This is the aspect that perhaps we are most tempted to overlook: after all, "self-love" sounds suspiciously like being self-centered. Why should we love ourselves? Simply and profoundly because "we are God's image and likeness." When we are at our best all of us are the "most holy and living images of the divine."

Why is authentic love of self so critical to our love of God and neighbor? Simply, if we fail to love ourselves, how can we possibly give praise and thanks to God for creating us? If we fail to love ourselves, how can we possibly love our neighbor who is not only made in God's image, but who is fundamentally made in the image and likeness of us since we all come from the same source – God himself.

The fullness of Christian perfection – the fullness of living Christ's life – can be likened to a three-legged table. To the extent that any one of the three legs is weak, the whole table is seriously at risk. Such a table cannot hope to support any significant weight...

## READING 1

## DT 6:2-6

**A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.**

Moses spoke to the people, saying:  
"Fear the LORD, your God,  
and keep, throughout the days of your lives, all his statutes and commandments which I enjoin on you, and thus have long life. Hear then, Israel, and be careful to observe them, that you may grow and prosper the more,  
in keeping with the promise of the LORD,  
the God of your fathers,

to give you a land flowing with milk and honey.

"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone! Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today."

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

*Thanks be to God.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

## PS 18

*„I love you, O Lord, my strength.“*

## READING 2

## HEB 7:23-28

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

Brothers and sisters:  
The levitical priests were many because they were prevented by death from remaining in office, but Jesus, because he remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away. Therefore, he is always able to save those who approach God through him, since he lives forever to make intercession for them. It was fitting that we should have such a high priest: holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners,

higher than the heavens. He has no need, as did the high priests, to offer sacrifice day after day, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did that once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints men subject to weakness to be high priests, but the word of the oath, which was taken after the law, appoints a son, who has been made perfect forever.

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

*Thanks be to God.*

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

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.' And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

**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 - IN THY PROTECTION (POD TWAŃ 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



**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.

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.

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

**FINAL HYMN - LORD GOD OF MERCY (BOŻE COŚ POLSKĘ)**

Lord God of mercy, Who for many ages,	Most holy Father, be to us no stranger.
You gave Your wisdom to her bards and sages,	Work Your great wonders! Free us from all danger!
blest our dear homeland with your endless graces,	Banish disaster! Drive off havoc's specter!
Shielded protected her throughout the ages.	Gather Your people 'neath Your peaceful sceptre.

**Ref.** Before Your altars hear our supplication:  
Lord, we entreat You, bless our land and nation.