



PARISH ORGANISATION

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CHAIRMAN - Joseph Bednarz

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PARISH COMMITTEE

meets normally every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

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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.

XXXII Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S MASS INTENTION 9 am

For eternal rest of
CELIA KODES.



TODAY'S MASS INTENTION 11 am

W 100-lecie odzyskania
niepodległości: za Polskę
i wszystkich Polaków w
kraju i za granicą - o po-
kój, szczęście i radość
życia!

Contemporary Mass: Mass Book p.63

ENTRANCE HYMN - AMAZING GRACE

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind but now I see.

T'was Grace that taught my heart to fear
And Grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

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C: Dispose of your treasure as the Most High commands, for that will profit you more than the gold. Store up almsgiving in your treasure house, and it will save you from every evil.

R: It is better to give alms than to store up gold; for almsgiving saves one from death and expiates every sin.

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

11/11 Yesterday we had our **PIEROGI SALE!** There were many preorders and quite a big interest of people from the area. We'd like to have our next **PIEROGI SALE** in December (before Christmas time) possibly with a bigger variety of Polish food (pierogi, hunter's stew - bigos, stuffed cabbage rolls - gołąbki...)

- **In December we plan to have CHRISTMAS RAFFLE and CHRISTMAS BAZAAR.** Would you like to offer something we can use for these events to raise some funds for our parish?! You can bring your items to the church hall on Sunday or to the rectory any time you wish... Thank you for your generosity!
- **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.



"You were supposed to bring an object that symbolizes your relationship with your congregation."

This poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's readings inspire us to give of ourselves at a deeper level. St. Francis de Sales gives us simple ways to give of ourselves by setting priorities of what is important in life:

The love of God is gentle, peaceful and calm. Our love to be effective, must flow from this divine love. To love as Jesus loved we must have a generous heart that reaches out to those who are poor, materially and spiritually. Love the poor. Be glad to see them in your home and to visit with them in theirs. Share your goods with them. God will repay you not only in the next world but even in this.

Our hearts must be open first to God's kingdom. Whatever riches we possess, remember that we are only stewards of the things of this earth. God entrusts them to our care, but our hearts must remain detached from them in a way that we are not anxious about them. When we take care of our possessions the way God wants us to care for them, we don't lose peace of mind if they are taken from us.

If we decide to respond to misfortunes with gentleness, peace and calmness, we feed the fire of sacred love that is growing in us. We do not choose these losses, but we do choose how we will give of ourselves to others when difficult events cause us pain. We ought to rejoice in such occasions, as they are opportunities for us to place our trust more fully in the love and goodness of God. Thus, in circumstances over which we have no control, let us yield to these circumstances with a good heart, and put up with them patiently, courageously and cheerfully. If we live in this way we will be very rich because we will possess divine love, which empowers us, like the saints, to give more fully of ourselves to those in need.

READING 1

1 KGS 17:10-16

A reading from the first book of Kings.

In those days, Elijah the prophet went to Zarephath. As he arrived at the entrance of the city, a widow was gathering sticks there; he called out to her, "Please bring me a small cupful of water to drink." She left to get it, and he called out after her, "Please bring along a bit of bread." She answered, "As the LORD, your God, lives, I have nothing baked; there is only a handful of flour in my jar and a little oil in my jug. Just now I was collecting a couple of sticks, to go in and prepare something for myself and my son; when we have eaten it, we shall die." Elijah said to her,

"Do not be afraid. Go and do as you propose. But first make me a little cake and bring it to me. Then you can prepare something for yourself and your son. For the LORD, the God of Israel, says, 'The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, until the day when the LORD sends rain upon the earth.'" She left and did as Elijah had said. She was able to eat for a year, and he and her son as well; the jar of flour did not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, as the LORD had foretold through Elijah. **This is the Word of the Lord.**

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 146

„Praise the Lord, O my soul!"

READING 2

HEB 9:24-28

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Christ did not enter into a sanctuary made by hands, a copy of the true one, but heaven itself, that he might now appear before God on our behalf. Not that he might offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters each year into the sanctuary with blood that is not his own; if that were so, he would have had to suffer repeatedly from the foundation of the world. But now once for all he has appeared at the end of the ages

to take away sin by his sacrifice. Just as it is appointed that human beings die once, and after this the judgment, so also Christ, offered once to take away the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to take away sin but to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

In the course of his teaching Jesus said to the crowds, "Beware of the scribes, who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces, seats of honor in synagogues, and places of honor at banquets. They devour the houses of widows and, as a pretext recite lengthy prayers. They will receive a very severe condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."

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 - 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.

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 - BARKA

Lord, when you came to the seashore
you weren't seeking the wise or the wealthy,
but only asking that I might follow.

Lord, have you need of my labor,
hands for service, a heart made for loving
my arms for lifting the poor and broken?

Ref: Oh Lord, in my eyes you were gazing
Kindly smiling, my name you were saying,
All I treasured, I have left on the sand there
Close to you, I will find other seas.