



PARISH ORGANISATION

ADMINISTRATOR (PASTOR)

- Rev. Adam Piekarczywski - fr.adam@mail.com

PARISH COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN - Joseph Bednarz

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PARISH COMMITTEE

meets normally every 2nd 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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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.

Solemnity of Christ the King

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 - BARKA

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

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.

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

INTROIT

C: The Lord guides the world with a turn of His hand, and all things obey His will. For He is King of all, and by His power He separates what is holy from what is not.

R: All the ends of the earth will worship and turn to the Lord; all the families of nations will bow low before You. For kingship belongs to the Lord, the ruler over the nations.

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

12/1 (Saturday) **PIEROGI WORKSHOP at 10 am. in the church hall.** Come and join 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 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR & PIEROGI SALE which we'll hold on Dec 15, 2018.

We'd like to thank all those who joined our previous Pierogi workshop in October: **Joseph & Maria Bendarz, Georgie LaFranchise, Maureen Johnson, Nancy McHugh, Diane Makles, Maria Strzepek, Fr. Adam & Magda Piekarczywski.** Thanks to your help we raised almost \$ 1 000 at our last pierogi sale...

The donations which made possible our Pierogi Sale: **Joseph & Maria Bednarz, the Dziura family, Robert Klimek.** Thank you very much! God bless you!

12/1 (Saturday) **POLISH LANGUAGE COURSE at 5 pm.** Classes will be held in the church hall every week.

- **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?! Please, consider only NEW or BARELY USED goods. You can bring your items to the church hall on Sunday or to the rectory any time you wish... Thank you for your generosity! (Take a look at the list of items.)
- **Free Sundays in December without any Mass intention!** This is a great opportunity for you to have a Mass celebrated in your own intention! 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.



"Pssst!...Two passes...Best prices."

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today is the Solemnity of Christ the King. It was surely a divine inspiration that the word “king” was inscribed on Jesus’ cross.

Our Lord came as a shepherd and as King of Shepherds. Shepherds represent those who make a commitment to lead a holy life. In this sense we are all shepherds, and Our Lord desires to favor those like Himself. As a good shepherd and lovable pastor of our souls that are his sheep, Jesus came to teach us what we ought to do so that we might be made whole through Him. He came to recreate what was lost, and no one has ever been betrayed by Him.

Jesus as a king was called to be Savior, and He desired that others should share in the glory of being leaders, especially his blessed Mother. Jesus made God’s goodness abound more than evilness. He overcame death, disease, toil, and abuse of our sensory desires. Jesus’ work is truly salutary when it touches our miseries and makes them worthy of love. When we possess God’s love, we are empowered to share in our Savior’s work.

God desired to save the Hebrew people through Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and the other prophets. We are shown more fully God’s delight and care for the world by the sending of our Savior Jesus. We plant vines because of their fruit. Yet leaves and buds precede the fruit. Similarly, while Our Savior was first in God’s eternal plan of creation, the vine (the universe) was first planted. For this reason Jesus is called the “first-born of all creatures.” Like leaves or blossoms, the many generations that precede Jesus prepare the way for Him. How happy we are when we choose Jesus as our leader, who gives us unparalleled peace and calm if we follow Him. Our Savior shows us that God’s majesty will not be overcome by evil, but will overcome evil by good: the work of a true King.

READING 1

DN 7:13-14

A reading from the book of the Prophet Daniel.

As the visions during the night continued, I saw one like a Son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven; when he reached the Ancient One and was presented before him, the one like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship; all peoples, nations, and languages serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 93

„The Lord is king; He is robed in majesty.”

READING 2

RV 1:5-8

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming amid the clouds, and every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him. All the peoples of the earth will lament him. Yes. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Pilate said to Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?" Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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 (PÓJDŹ DO JEZUSA)

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 - 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 - 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.

