



PARISH ORGANISATION

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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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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

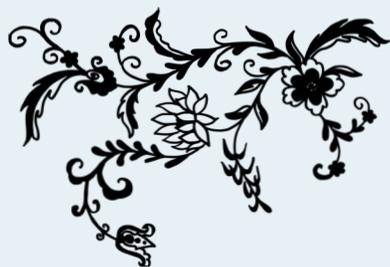
If you would like to have a Mass said for a particular intention, you must stop by the Parish Office or the sacristy in the Church before/after Sunday mass. Masses can be said for a deceased person or as a special intention for the living. You may reserve a Sunday of your choice, and your intention will 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.

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

TODAY'S MASS INTENTION 9 am

In memory of
RANDALL ERICKSON
(req. by Marguerite
Hensley)



TODAY'S MASS INTENTION 11 am

Za rodziny naszej parafii,
które w tym roku przy-
mują kolędę, by dobry
Bóg błogosławił im każ-
dego dnia potrzebnymi
taskami.

Contemporary Mass: Mass Book p.63

ENTRANCE HYMN - SILENT NIGHT (Cicha noc)

1) Silent night, holy night
All is calm, all is bright
'Round yon virgin Mother and Child
Holy infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace.

2) Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heaven afar;
Heavenly hosts sing Al-le-lu-ia!
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born!

INTROIT

C: The Messenger of the Covenant in Whom you desire. Yes,
He is coming, says the Lord of hosts.

**R: We saw His star at its rising, and have come to do
Him homage.**

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

- 1/6 (Sunday) **SOLEMNITY - Epiphany of our Lord.** During the Mass we will bless incense & chalk. Holy water & chalk are available to take home. Using the blessed chalk mark the lintel of your front door (or front porch step) as follows: **C + M + B + 2019.** Three letters remind us traditionally the names of the three Magi: *Caspar, Melchior* and *Balthazar* as well as the latin blessing: "*Christus Mansionem Benedicat*" (May Christ bless this house).
- 1/12 (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 **PIEROGI SALE** which we'll hold on Jan 19, 2019 (10am—2pm).
- 1/20 (Sunday) **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** in the Church after 9.00am Mass. We kindly ask all parishioners to be present at this very important Parish Meeting. There won't be a Mass at 11.00am.
- **PASTORAL HOME VISIT.** Traditionally, in this period of the year, the priest is available to visit your house for prayer & blessing. The list with available dates is exposed in the back of the Church. If you wish such a visit, please, feel free to choose your preferred day & hour.
 - 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.



"If telemarketers call, invite them to church."

We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

An epiphany is a sudden realization about the nature or meaning of something. The birth of a child can be an epiphany that suddenly makes us understand love and responsibility in a new way. A doctor's warning about health issues can be an epiphany that causes us to change the way we eat. And a Scripture passage, homily, or spiritual book can be an epiphany that helps us see Jesus in an unexpected, new way.

The Greek word epiphania means "manifestation." Today, on Epiphany Sunday, we celebrate how God manifested his glory to the Magi. First, they saw a star and chose to follow it all the way to Jesus. Second, when they found Jesus, the Magi knelt down to worship him and pay him homage. Third, the Magi went home changed.

This pattern can be the same for your life. God visits the earth on a daily basis. You might say he never left! Every day he stands at the door of your heart and asks, "Can I come in?" (Revelation 3:20). The Magi didn't have to follow the star. They chose to follow the star. You have the same choice to open the door to God.

When the Magi saw Jesus' divinity, they worshipped him. Today, while you are at Mass, let the divinity of Christ move you to worship. Contemplate who Jesus is and all that he has done for you. Kneel before him—baby in a manger or Savior on a cross—and let joy and gratitude fill you, just as the Magi experienced.

Finally, the Magi were changed by what they saw. We know they changed routes to avoid Herod. But even more, imagine how hard it was for them to go home and return to "normal." They had seen the glory of God, and nothing would be the same again!

READING 1

IS 60:1-6

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.

Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 72

„Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.“

READING 2

EPH 3:2-3A, 5-6

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians.

Brothers and sisters:
You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:

that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judah, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another 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 - SHEPHERDS HEARD THE ANGEL SAY (Anioł pasterzom mówił)

1) Shepherds Heard the Angel say:

„Christ is born to you this day.”

Bethlehem is His lowly place of birth,

Born so humbly to this earth,

Lord, of all creation.

3) Thus the Lord through His great love,

Came from heaven, up above.

No great place, grand or costly, had He here,

But a manger cold and drear,

Lord of all creation.

2) Anioł pasterzom mówił:

„Chrystus się wam narodził.”

W Betlejem, nie bardzo podłym mieście.

Narodził się w ubóstwie,

Pan wszego stworzenia.

4) Chcąc się dowiedzieć tego

poselstwa wesołego,

bieżeli do Betlejem skwapliwie.

Znaleźli dziecię w żłobie,

Maryję z Józefem.

COMMUNION SONG - HALLOWED BE FOREVER (BĄDŹE POZDROWIONA)

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

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

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

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

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

FINAL HYMN - ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

1) Angels we have heard on high

Sweetly singing o'er the plains

And the mountains in reply

Echoing their joyous strains

Gloria, in excelsis Deo

Gloria, in excelsis Deo

2) Angels we have heard on high

Sweetly, sweetly through the night

And the mountains in reply

Echoing their brief delight

3) Shepherds, why this jubilee?

Why your joyous strains prolong?

What the gladsome tidings be

Which inspire your heavenly song?

Gloria, in excelsis Deo

Gloria, in excelsis Deo

