



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.



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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)

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

In memory of
JEANETTE Z. ERICKSON
(req. by Marguerite
Hensley)



II Sunday in Ordinary Time

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: Jesus did this as the beginning of His signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed His glory,

R: And His disciples began to believe in Him.

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

- 1/20 Big THANK YOU to all those who took an active part in our PIEROGI WORKSHOPS yesterday and on Saturday, Jan 12. Thanks to our work we raised funds for the Church and built up a community spirit.
- 1/20 (Sunday) ANNUAL PARISH MEETING in the Church hall after 9.00am Mass. We kindly ask all parishioners to be present at this very important Parish Meeting. There is no Mass at 11.00am.
- 1/26 (Saturday) HEALING PRAYER SERVICE at 3 pm. This is a powerful church service of bringing God's healing power into the lives of those who are suffering from illness, physical disabilities, grief, fear, and mental or spiritual health issues. If you suffer physically or spiritually come to experience the healing power of Jesus! INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!
- 1/27 (Sunday) We celebrate Music Scholarship Sunday. Special collection will be held for the Music Scholarship Fund of the PNCC. Thank you for your generosity!

- We would like to remind you about the possibility to offer a Holy Mass in your own, particular intention. Take one of the envelopes from the back of the Church, write down your intention and return it to Fr. Adam.



GOSPEL REFLECTION

There are many lessons we can learn from this incident in Christ's life: for example, Christ's approval of marriage – there were some heretical sects later who said marriage was sinful, unfit for a Christian. Or we could see in it the intercessory power of our blessed Mother. Christ anticipated his "hour" for working miracles in order to grant her request. But the theme of today's readings is the goodness and kindness of God and we surely have a convincing proof of that loving kindness in today's gospel story.

Christ worked his first miracle in order to grant a temporal favor, an earthly gift, to save the newly-married groom from embarrassment. It had the other effects of convincing his very recent disciples of their belief that he was the expected Messiah, and also it convinces all Christians of the efficacy of our Lady's intercession for us, but its primary purpose was to confer a temporal benefit on the groom.

By this kind act he has shown us that he is interested in our earthly affairs also. He became man in order that we could become sons of God, he came on earth so that we could go to heaven, but this miracle at Cana proves that he has a deep interest in our many and varied activities during the course of our journey to heaven.

He told us "ask and you shall receive." That "shall" is very definite, our prayers will be answered, and what we should ask for is not only spiritual gifts, but the temporal aids also which we need. The "shall" applies to them too, as the miracle of Cana proves. We shall get our temporal requests, provided of course that they won't impede us on our journey to heaven. No kind father would give his child a gift that would injure him—God is the kindest of fathers and he sees what will or will not impede or endanger our eternal happiness. We can and should therefore make our temporal needs known to God in our prayers, confident that he will give us what we ask if it is for our real good.

READING 1

IS 62:1-5

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

For Zion's sake I will not be silent,
for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her vindication shines forth like the dawn
and her victory like a burning torch.
Nations shall behold your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
you shall be called by a new name
pronounced by the mouth of the LORD.
You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of
the LORD, a royal diadem held by your God.

No more shall people call you "Forsaken,"
or your land "Desolate,"
but you shall be called "My Delight,"
and your land "Espoused."
For the LORD delights in you
and makes your land his spouse.
As a young man marries a virgin,
your Builder shall marry you;
and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride
so shall your God rejoice in you.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 96

„Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.“

READING 2

1 COR 12:4-11

A reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters:
There are different kinds of spiritual gifts
but the same Spirit; there are different
forms of service but the same Lord;
there are different workings but the same
God who produces all of them in everyone.
To each individual the manifestation of the
Spirit is given for some benefit.
To one is given through the Spirit the
expression of wisdom;
to another, the expression of knowledge

according to the same Spirit; to another,
faith by the same Spirit; to another, gifts of
healing by the one Spirit; to another, mighty
deeds; to another, prophecy;
to another, discernment of spirits;
to another, varieties of tongues;
to another, interpretation of tongues.
But one and the same Spirit produces all of
these, distributing them individually to each
person as he wishes.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Glory be to You, Lord.

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told the them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from — although the servers who had drawn the water knew —, the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

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 - 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. Christ the Lord.