



## PARISH ORGANISATION

### ADMINISTRATOR (PASTOR)

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

### PARISH COMMITTEE

**CHAIRMAN** - Joseph Bednarz

**SECRETARY** - Harriett Zawistowski

**TREASURER** - Georgianna LaFranchise

**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)

## 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.**

### III Sunday in Ordinary Time

## TODAY'S MASS INTENTION 9 am

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



### 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: How good to celebrate our God in song; how sweet to give fitting praise. The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem, gathers the dispersed of Israel,

**R: Heals the brokenhearted, binds up their wounds.**

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

- 1/27 (Sunday) We celebrate Music Scholarship Sunday. Special collection will be held today for the Music Scholarship Fund of the PNCC. Thank you for your generosity!
- 1/27 (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.
- 2/02 (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. If you cannot come, please support us in purchasing ingredients.
- 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

When the assembly (congregation, “synagogue”) gathers, we come together to be one with the Word of GOD. We hear what has been proclaimed about the Word through the various books (biblia) of Word of GOD. We acknowledge our acceptance of the Word proclaimed by voicing our “Amen” - Yes, I believe, it is so. We hear how the Word applies to our life. We then continue to celebrate the Word with us, so that we can then be “apostled” (“sent out”) to carry the Word with us into the world.

Together our purpose is to bring the Word of GOD (Jesus) to the world. Each of us has a function in the Body of Jesus. We have different ways in which we bring the Word to those with whom we come in contact. Some are gifted with ability to speak eloquently or write in way which make the Word understandable to others. Others are gifted with capacity of making the Word come to life by their actions. The manner in which we proclaim the Word is not important. What is important is that we demonstrate our oneness with the Word, welcoming other members into the Body, all for the glory and praise of GOD.

The only way we can be authentic members of the Body and proclaimers of the Word is to be listeners of the Word, especially as members of a “faith-full” assembly. It is important that we are edified (“built up”) by other true believers, who are united in the Body of the Christ - the Word made flesh. That means we must be people of discernment. We must do our homework. Our homework is to read the Word individually and in community. We pray that we be led into a “faith-filled” community. We also must pray that our community be faithful to the Word.

## READING 1

NEH 8:2-4A, 5-6, 8-10

### A reading from the book of the Prophet Nehemiah.

Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, which consisted of men, women, and those children old enough to understand. Standing at one end of the open place that was before the Water Gate, he read out of the book from daybreak till midday, in the presence of the men, the women, and those children old enough to understand; and all the people listened attentively to the book of the law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the occasion.

He opened the scroll so that all the people might see it — for he was standing higher up than any of the people —; and, as he opened it, all the people rose. Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people, their hands raised high, answered, "Amen, amen!" Then they bowed down and prostrated themselves before the LORD, their faces to the ground.

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

*Thanks be to God.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 19

*„Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.“*

## READING 2

1 COR 12:12-14, 27

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

Brothers and sisters:  
As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ.  
For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

Now the body is not a single part, but many. You are Christ's body, and individually parts of it.

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

*Thanks be to God.*

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

*Glory be to You, Lord.*

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all. He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord. Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

**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.