



PARISH ORGANISATION

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PARISH COMMITTEE

meets normally once a 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

- 10.00 am**
- in English (po angielsku)
- 12.00 pm**
- in Polish (po polsku)

MASS INTENTIONS

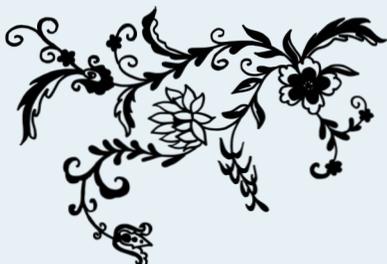
If you would like to have a Mass said for a particular intention, you must stop by the Parish Office or the sacristy in the Church before/after Sunday mass. Masses can be said for a deceased person or as a special intention for the living. You may reserve a Sunday of your choice, and your intention will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

IV Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S MASS INTENTION 10 am

In memory of
STELLA PODKULSKI,
Thomas J. Podkulski Sr.
& Walter
& Stella Rutkowski



TODAY'S MASS INTENTION 12 pm

O jedność chrześcijan -
by wierni Chrystusowi
byli w świecie świadkami
Jego miłości miłosiernej.

Contemporary Mass: Mass Book p.63

ENTRANCE HYMN - IN THY PROTECTION (POD TWĄ OBRONĘ)

In Thy protection, Father in Heaven,
Lo, we Thy children, place our life, our all.

/ Lord, wilt Thou bless us, save us from temptation,
Keep us from danger, lest in sin we fall. /x2

Though all be peaceful, though storms beset us,
In Thy protection we shall find our rest.

/ Father, we pray Thee, humbly we beseech Thee,
Deliver us, the children Thou hast blessed. /x2

INTROIT

C: Save us, Lord, our God; gather us from among the nations.

**R: That we may give thanks to Your Holy Name and
glory in praising You.**

C: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Spirit,

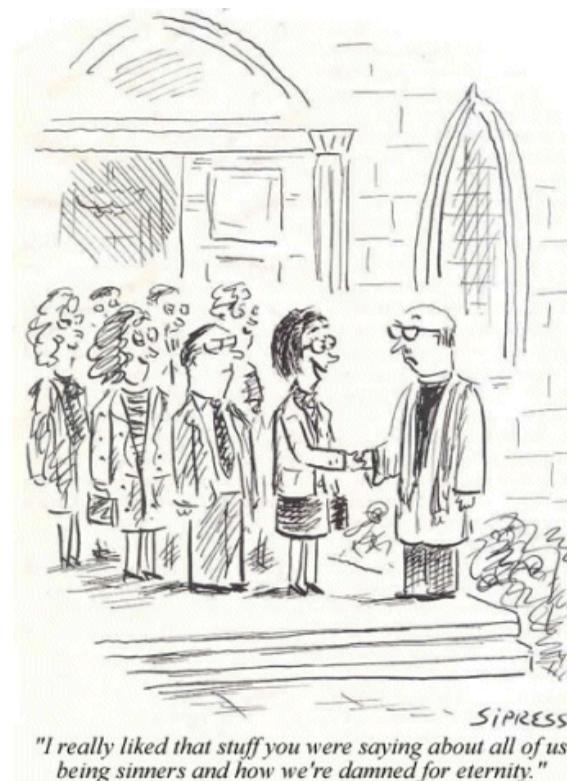
**R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

2/03 (Sunday) **First Sunday of the month.** Special collection will be held today for the Mission Fund of the PNCC. Thank you for your generosity!

2/09 (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.

- Beginning on Friday, March 29, 2019, the PNCC will present the XIX **National Mission and Evangelism Workshop**, which will be held in Plantsville, CT at Holy Trinity Parish for 3 days. If you are interested in taking part in this event, please, contact Fr. Adam for additional information & registration form.
- 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.



No prophet is accepted
in his own native place.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Gospel of today is a continuation of last week's reading. Last week, Jesus returned to His home town of Nazareth and spoke in the synagogue, proclaiming that He was the fulfillment of the Isaiah's prophecy that the Spirit of GOD was upon Him to speak freedom, healing, and holiness to the people. At first, the people respond favorably to Jesus. They are proud of their home-town Boy Who has made something of Himself. They hope that He will do the miracles and wonders in their town as He has been doing in Capernaum and other areas in the Galilee. Jesus speaks harsh, challenging words to them, saying that He will not be as effective in Nazareth because the people do not accept Him as the Christ, the Anointed One of GOD. They only want miracles and do not want to change their opinions of Who Jesus is. They force Him to the brink of the town which sits on a cliff, and are ready to throw Him down the steep embankment, but He walks away from them.

Today we are being called to grow into the fullness of Who Jesus is – the Anointed One, the Christ, the Head of the community of believers. We are reminded that we have been given gifts (charismata). These gifts are not just for our selfish attitude. They are meant to be for the GOoD of the whole. We are all called to speak the Truth in love so that all (others and ourselves) might grow into the fullness of Who Jesus (our Head) is. As we know: truth, love, and growth come at cost. We have to give up our old opinions and thoughts. We must move out in faith to speak GOD's Truth. We, like Jeremiah, often try to make excuses: "I am too young," "I am too old," "I don't know how to speak to others," "I do not want to be persecuted as a prophet," "I can't change." Yet, since GOD has called us from before our conception to speak the divine Truth in a loving, caring manner, GOD will not accept any excuses.

READING 1

JER 1:4-5, 17-19

A reading from the book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

The word of the LORD came to me, saying:
Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
before you were born I dedicated you,
a prophet to the nations I appointed you.

But do you gird your loins;
stand up and tell them
all that I command you.
Be not crushed on their account,
as though I would leave you crushed before
them;

for it is I this day
who have made you a fortified city,
a pillar of iron, a wall of brass,
against the whole land:
against Judah's kings and princes,
against its priests and people.
They will fight against you but not prevail
over you,
for I am with you to deliver you, says the
LORD.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 71

„My mouth will tell, O Lord, of your deeds of salvation.“

READING 2

1 COR 13:4-13

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

Brothers and sisters: Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. If there are prophecies, they will be brought to nothing; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be

brought to nothing. For we know partially and we prophesy partially, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I used to talk as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I put aside childish things. At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face. At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as I am fully known. So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

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 began speaking in the synagogue, saying: "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" He said to them, "Surely you will quote me this proverb, 'Physician, cure yourself,' and say, 'Do here in your native place the things that we heard were done in Capernaum.'" And he said, "Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place. Indeed, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah when the sky was closed for three and a half years and a severe famine spread over the entire land. It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but only to a widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon. Again, there were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian."

When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away.

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 - 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.

COMMUNION SONG - HALLOWED BE FOREVER (BAĐŹŹE 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 - 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.