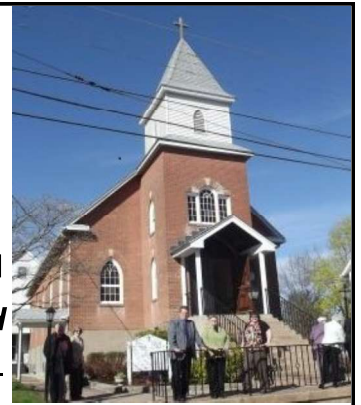


From our parishes...

St. John the Baptist Parish, Manchester, CT

St. John's October and November activities

- Saturday afternoon Oct.13,2018 Fr. Adam and Magda Piekarzewski rejoiced with the parishioners and friends to celebrate the **Baptism of their first child Jan.** Fr. Henryk Wos and his wife Renata acted as Jasiu's godparents. Fr. Adam



celebrated a Holy Mass during which he baptized his son.

- The following Saturday St. John's hosted an **Open House** from 11am to 2pm, publicized in the neighborhood and in 2 Christian radio stations. Parish chairman Joseph



Jan Piekarzewski Baptism at St. John's Church



Open House at St. John's



Healing prayer Service

Bednarz and his wife Maria, with

the generous culinary input of the

Dziura family, hosted a delicious free lunch of bigos, pumpkin soup and other dishes in the parish hall, to feed our friendly group of visitors after Fr. Adam spoke to them in the upstairs church. Several newcomers said that they would return for Sunday Mass either at 9am or at the 11am Polish Mass. All who came were given a sweet gift to take home, along with a Welcome Brochure about our parish and a flyer about our Pierogi Sale on Saturday Nov.10.

- On Saturday Oct. 27 at 3pm Fr. Adam celebrated a **Healing Prayer Service**, centered on Jesus' presence in the Blessed Sacrament. Several parishioners and visitors attracted by the Facebook publicizing of the Service all were profoundly blessed by their participation.

During the service the ecumenical Taizé canon songs were used, in which the participants easily joined, repeating certain praise phrases in repetitive “litany” fashion. A highpoint at the end of the Prayer Service was when Father walked around the church to all present with the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance, so that everyone could physically touch Jesus and ask Him for a special healing and blessing.

- Sunday afternoon Oct.28,2018 Fr. Henry Smolinski our pastor emeritus led the parish team of walkers on another Church World Service CROP Walk against Hunger up the Main St. of Manchester. Fr. Henry’s supporters raised a record \$350 toward the total of \$4,993 raised by 6 local Christian congregations. St. John’s was the only Catholic parish participating this year.
- Saturday afternoon Nov.3 parish chairman Joseph Bednarz and Fr. Adam led a group of parishioners in a **pierogi-making workshop**, to prepare dozens of pierogis



Fr. Henry Smolinski at Crop walk 2018

for a fundraising

Sale event planned for the coming Saturday. On Nov 10 few minutes before 11am a long line of people stood in front of the church hall door to buy our delicious pierogi. In 35 minutes we were sold out! This great success just confirmed that in Manchester community the existence of

the Polish church and Polish spirit is very desirable.



Pierogi workshop (the last one was seven years ago)

- In December we start in the church hall a **FREE Polish Language Course** which is opened to everyone who wants to learn Polish and something about the Polish culture. Classes will be held on weekends; outside of lessons we plan also a Polish traditional dishes workshop and a Polish movie evening. All are welcome!

By Fr. Henry Smolinski -Pastor emeritus

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