

## COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 09/13 (Today) Reading the Catechism of our Church at the end of the Mass.  
Collection for Spojnia & Bp Hodur Retreat Center at the door.
- 09/20 (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. No Mass intention so far!
- 09/26 (Saturday) POLISH FOOD SALE 9am-12pm. We're looking for 2-3 volunteers who would like to help running the sale for the church.
- 09/27 (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. No Mass intention so far!
- On the first Sunday of October we return to have a COFFEE HOUR after the Mass. We will still practice social distancing and State recommendations regarding the virus.
  - 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. Have a blessed Sunday!

### Church Mice



Copyright 2002 Karl Zorowski. All rights reserved. www.churchmice.net

## SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

23 Golway Street, Manchester, CT 06042

Official website: [www.saintjohnspncc.org](http://www.saintjohnspncc.org)

Facebook: John the Baptist, Manchester CT

Rectory phone: 860-643-5906

PASTOR - Rev. Adam Piekarzewski

September 13, 2020

# BEHOLD

PARISH BULLETIN

### SOLEMNITY OF BROTHERLY LOVE

MASS INTENTION - 10am

*For living and deceased members of the APARO family.  
(requested by Fr. Michael Aparo)*

INTROIT

C: Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

R: In this way the love of God was revealed to us; God sent His only Son into the world so that we might have life through Him.

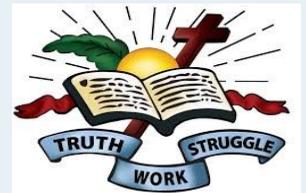
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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



### HOLY MASS

. 10.00 am



### 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.

## READING 1

**A reading from the Book of the Prophet Sirach.**

Wrath and anger are hateful things,  
yet the sinner hugs them tight.  
The vengeful will suffer the LORD's ven-  
geance, for he remembers their sins in  
detail. Forgive your neighbor's injustice;  
then when you pray, your own sins will  
be forgiven. Could anyone nourish anger  
against another  
and expect healing from the LORD?  
Could anyone refuse mercy to another  
like himself,

## SIR 27:30—28:7

can he seek pardon for his own sins?  
If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath,  
who will forgive his sins?  
Remember your last days, set enmity asi-  
de; remember death and decay, and cea-  
se from sin! Think of the commandments,  
hate not your neighbor; remember the  
Most High's covenant, and overlook fau-  
lts.

**The Word of the Lord.**

*Thanks be to God.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

## PS 103

*„The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.“*

## READING 2

**A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans.**

Brothers and sisters:  
None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies  
for oneself.  
For if we live, we live for the Lord,  
and if we die, we die for the Lord;  
so then, whether we live or die, we are the  
Lord's.  
For this is why Christ died and came to life,  
that he might be Lord of both the dead and  
the living.

**The Word of the Lord.**

*Thanks be to God.*

## ROM 14:7-9

## GOSPEL

## MT 18:21-35

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.**

*Glory be to You, Lord.*

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, “Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus answered, “I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.’ Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, ‘Pay back what you owe.’ Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.’ But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?’ Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart.”

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

*Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

In the Gospel, St. Peter wants to justify himself as far as his being a GOoD and forgiving person. He asks Jesus if extending forgiveness to someone who has hurt him seven times is sufficient. It was the Jewish thought that forgiveness should be done three times. Jesus says more than that. Seventy-seven times is more like it. It is interesting that Peter begins at seven. Seven is considered the “perfect” or “complete” number. Jesus raises it to an even more “perfect” or more “complete” number. In other words, Peter is saying, “If I forgive another completely, is that all I need to do?” Jesus responds in other words by saying, “Forgiving another must be more than complete. One must be willing to forget about the hurt and think about the other person more than oneself.”