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About The Polish National Catholic Church (PNCC)

- The Polish National Catholic Church(PNCC) adopted a “Joint Declaration on Unity” with the Roman Catholic Church through which both bodies agreed to a limited communion arrangement.
 - We are in Dialogue with the Roman Catholic Church
- The Polish National Catholic Church(PNCC) permits **divorced people** to participate fully in the Mass and to receive the Eucharist. The church does not recognize civil divorce and requires an annulment before parishioners can remarry.
- The Polish National Catholic Church(PNCC) is governed by its Constitution and Laws. The legislative authority of the Church is vested in the General Synod, the Special Synod, the Diocesan Synod, and the Parish Meeting. In financial and administrative matters, the Parishioners possess administrative authority. Representatives elected at the Annual Parish Meeting and confirmed by the Diocesan Bishop exercise their constitutional authority.
 - The hierarchy is as follows:
 - Prime Bishop: Rt. Rev. Anthony Mikovsky
Diocesan Bishop of the Buffalo-Pittsburgh
Diocese: Rt. Rev. John E. Mack
 - Diocese website: <https://buffalopittsburghdiocese.org/>
 - The Polish National Catholic Church (PNCC) is not under the authority of the Pope (Bishop) of Rome.
- The Polish National Catholic Church (PNCC) observes the seven sacraments, and they are as follows:
 - 1. Baptism and Confirmation
 - 2. The Word of God
 - 3. Penance
 - 4. Eucharist
 - 5. Holy Unction (Anointing for Health)
 - 6. Holy Orders
 - 7. Matrimony
- If you are interested in registering for sacraments or want to learn more about the Polish National Catholic Church (PNCC), please get in touch with our line at (210) 825 – 0160 or email us at fathermarcus@smsrpnc.com. For more information, please visit the website at <http://www.smsrpnc.com/>

Announcements & Events

Readings for Mass:

First Reading: Mi 5:1-4a

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19.

Second Reading: Heb 10:5-10

Gospel: Lk 1:39-45

Christmas Liturgy

Join us for liturgy on Christmas morning in honor of Our Savior’s birth.

- Christmas Eve Vigil (Midnight Mass) Tuesday, December 24, 2024 @ 10:30 PM Bilingual
- Christmas Day Mass Wednesday, December 25, 2024 @ 10:30 AM Bilingual

New Year's Day Liturgy- Feast of the Circumcision of the Lord.

Begin the New Year of 2025 by joining us for Mass.

- New Year’s Day Mass Wednesday, January 1, 2025 @ 10:30 AM Bilingual

Recurring Announcements

Liturgical Ministers

We are always looking for parishioners to volunteer to help with liturgical functions for the liturgy. These include **Altar Servers, Readers, Ushers, Greeters, and Sacristans**. If you are interested in any of these functions, please notify Fr. Mark or Deacon Marcus before or after the weekend liturgy or call or text our number @ (210) 825 – 0160

Church Cleaning

Please help us clean our sanctuary by putting trash in the trash bin. If you would like to help clean the church, please notify Fr. Mark or Deacon Marcus @ (210) 825 – 0160 to arrange a day and time you would like to assist in keeping our clean church.

Reflection



Here are some notes to consider from today's Gospel:

- Mary's arrival at her cousin Elizabeth initiates the child's leap for joy in Elizabeth's womb. How do I recognize my joy for Christ in my life?
- Elizabeth encounters the Blessed Mother with the words, "And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come me." Whenever I pray to Mary, Do I give her the respect due to bringing Christ into this world?
- In reflecting upon Mary's trip, Mary traveled to the hill country in haste to the town of Judah; the Gospel does not mention Joseph or any other people accompanying our Blessed Mother on this trip. Reflect on those who travel this Christmas to see and spend time with their loved ones. Though they may travel alone in cars, buses, trains, or planes, they are comforted knowing that our Blessed Mother had the same mission: to spend time with her family to prepare the way for Emmanuel. How am I preparing the way of the Lord?

WELCOME TO

St. Martin and St. Rose Polish National Catholic Church

December 22, 2024

IV Sunday of Advent

Mass Schedule

Spanish Mass.....9:00 AM

English Mass.....1:00 PM

Clergy

Pastor: Rev. Mark Raya – (310) 505-1047

Deacon: Rev. Mr. Marcus R. Tinajero. PH.D – (210) 825 - 0160

Mr. Robert Grizzell – (559) 718 - 3427

About Our Church

St. Martin and St. Rose Catholic Church is a parish of the Buffalo-Pittsburgh Diocese of the Polish National Catholic Church, established in 1897 by Bishop Francis Hodur for Polish nationals and became known as the Polish National Catholic Church. We invite all Catholics to receive communion that are sacramentally prepared and ready to receive.

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