

WELCOME TO

# Annunciation of The Blessed Virgin Mary Polish National Catholic Church

January 12, 2025

Solemnity of The Baptism of Jesus

## *Mass Schedule*

English Mass.....10:00 AM

Clergy

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

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## *About Our Church*

Annunciation of The Blessed Virgin Mary Polish National 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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## *Announcements & Events*

### **Readings for Mass:**

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

### **\*\*\*New Mass Schedule Effective January 5, 2025 \*\*\***

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- English Mass— 10:00 AM

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\*Proposed Rosary— 30 minutes before Mass

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- Mysteries

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- Sundays of Advent and Christmas JOYFUL
  - Sundays of Lent SORROWFUL
  - Other Sundays GLORIOUS

### *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 before or after the weekend liturgy or call or text our number @ (310) 505-1047

#### **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 @ (310) 505-1047 to arrange a day and time you would like to assist in keeping our church clean.

#### **Rosary**

Please join us in praying the rosary 30 minutes before the liturgy. The rosary assists us in calling upon the intercession of our Blessed Mother, reminds us of the prayerful environment of the church, and prepares us to celebrate the sacred mysteries. The mysteries of the Rosary are as follows:

- Sundays of Advent and Christmas JOYFUL
- Sundays of Lent SORROWFUL
- Other Sundays GLORIOUS

## Readings for the Liturgy



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5. **Initiate download:** Click the "Download" button to download the liturgical texts for the selected day.
6. \*\*\* The Readings are located by tapping on the “Pray” tab, then tap the “Readings” tab for the readings for the mass.\*\*\*



## *Reflection*

Today, we celebrate the baptism of the lord. We recall that while Jesus was baptized with water by his cousin John the Baptizer, it is this model of baptism that all are called to be pure, repent from their sinful ways, and become like Jesus. After Jesus is baptized, he proceeds to the desert to pray and fast for 40 days and 40 nights. The baptism Jesus experiences is not the completion of his mission but a preparation for his journey in the wilderness. As we follow in the path of Jesus in being baptized into the family of God, let us reflect on these questions for the week to better prepare for the missions we are called to serve.

- How do I live out my baptism?
  - Do I take for granted that I have been baptized over others who are not?
  - Do I encourage others, especially children and adults, to see the beauty of this sacrament?
- Do I assist others on their journeys of faith?
  - Am I a challenge or an obstacle on their journey?
    - If so, will I repent and become more like Christ?
- How do I strive to live out my baptism in my parish?
  - Do I research and invest time in educating myself on the sacraments, especially baptism?
  - Do I take the time to reflect on the sacraments I have received and thank God for the graces accompanying them?

Something to consider about the sacrament of baptism is that it connects us to the community of the body of Christ. May we not take for granted the mystery of this sacrament, and may the graces and blessings it has bestowed on us continue to prepare us for the missions we currently serve and missions we are preparing to serve in our community.

## **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
  - All Polish National Catholic Church (PNCC) sacraments are valid and licit.
  - The Polish National Catholic Church (PNCC) clergy are permitted to marry.
  - 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](mailto:fathermarcus@smsrpnc.com). For more information, please visit the website at <http://www.smsrpnc.com/>
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