

WELCOME TO

# Annunciation of The Blessed Virgin Mary Polish National Catholic Church

January 19, 2025

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## *Mass Schedule*

English Mass.....10:00 AM

Clergy

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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.

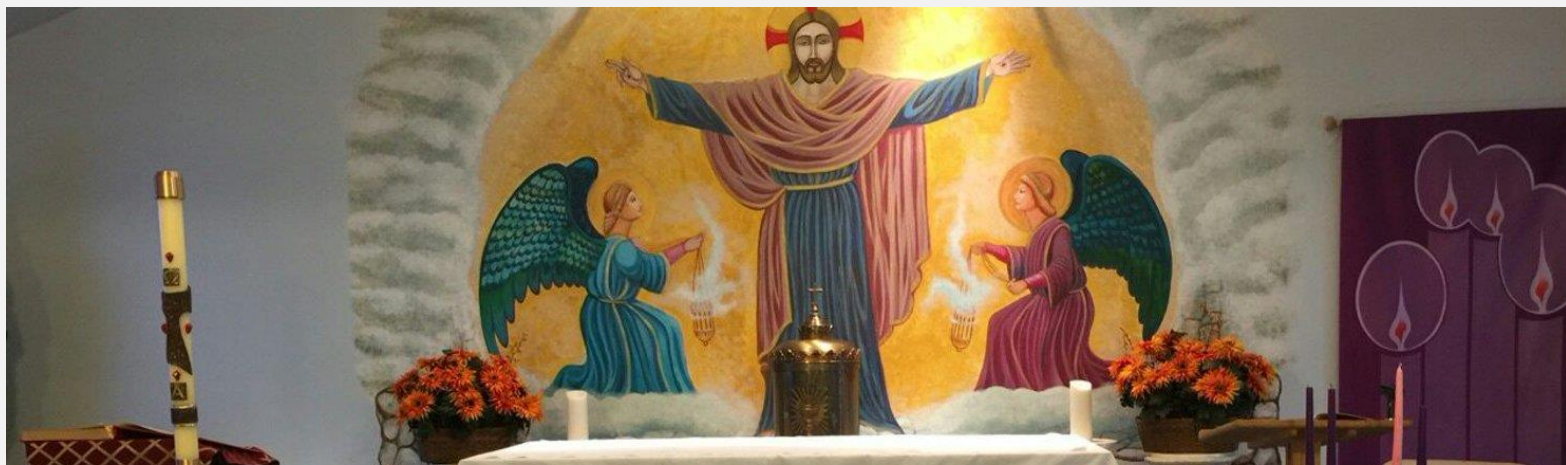
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## *Announcements & Events*

### **Readings for Mass:**

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

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel: John 2:1-11

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

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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*

The Gospel today tells of the miracle of water being converted into wine at the wedding at Cana. Jesus and his disciples were there as honored guests. Our Blessed Mother went to Jesus to inform him that there was no more wine. Jesus responded that “his hour had not yet come,” but that his mother proceeded to tell the servants to listen to her son. Was this an act of defiance against God? I do not believe so. I believe it was an act of intercession. Mary, the mother of God, listens to our prayers and intercedes to her son on our behalf. Was this necessary? Could not the bride and bridegroom go and ask Jesus themselves? Could the disciples not have asked their teacher to do something if they noticed it beforehand? I believe that the matter called for a mother’s help. A mother who knew the capabilities of what her son could do, and as the couple beseeched the blessed mother to ask her son for help, it was Mary’s faith in her son that permitted Jesus to follow through with the miracle. Some questions to reflect on this week from this gospel passage can be as follows:

- Do I have faith to go to Jesus as the Blessed Mother did?
- Do I trust that the Blessed Mother will intercede for me, as she did for the couple at the wedding at Cana?
  - Especially during the prayer of the “Hail Mary”, which states: Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.”
- Am I astounded at the miracles Jesus continues to do presently in my life, as people were astounded to witness the miracle of the water being turned into wine at the wedding at Cana?

The message of this Gospel is filled with much grace—the grace of love, family, celebration, and joy that accompany the occasion of a wedding. Let us be filled with that same joy as we await the bridegroom, our Lord Jesus Christ, where wine will overflow and never run out, where the celebration is eternal and will never stop, and the question of miracles occurring will not be questioned, but expected and celebrated for all eternity.

## **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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