WELCOME TO

Annunciation of The Blessed Virgin Mary Polish National Catholic Church

January 05, 2025

Solemnity of the Holy Family

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: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5.

Second Reading: 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24

Gospel: Lk 2:41-52

Parish Meeting/ Elections ----- January 8, 2025 @ 7:00PM

Please join us as we hold our first parish meeting of the 2025 year of our Lord. We hope to see you there.

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

• English Mass— 10:00 AM

*Proposed Rosary— 30 minutes before Mass

- o Mysteries
 - 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 Liturgy



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Reflection

On this feast of the holy family, we reflect on our Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph's love for Jesus. They did their best to raise Jesus, even when things did not go perfectly. The gospel tells us that Jesus went missing for three days while his parents were looking for him. Imagine the emotions going through Mary and Joseph's mind as they were searching for their son. Who could have taken Jesus? What terrible things could have been done to him without their protection? Will they ever see their son again? The experience of loss in the holy family can be reflected within our experiences as parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, and all members of families. It is the love we have for our families that connects us with the holy family. As we live our life this week, let us reflect on these questions and pray to the holy family to help us and our families:

- Have I been a good son or daughter to my parents? Or Was I a good son or daughter to my parents when they were physically here with me?
- How has the example of my parents affected my ability to be a parent to my children? Do I pray for my children?
- How do I see families out in the world?
 - Do I judge them based on my own prejudices, or do I look with the eyes of
 God's mercy and assess that they are doing their best?

May the Holy family pray for all of us as we continue to be lights in our families as we do our best to help families in need.

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.
 - o We are in Dialogue with the Roman Catholic Church
- The Polish National Catholic Church(PNCC) permits <u>divorced</u> <u>people</u> 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.
 - o The hierarchy is as follows:
 - Prime Bishop: Rt. Rev. Anthony Mikovsky
 Diocesan Bishop of the Buffalo-Pittsburgh Diocese:
 Rt. Rev. John E. Mack
 - o Diocese website: https://buffalopittsburghdiocese.org/
 - o 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:
 - o 1. Baptism and Confirmation
 - o 2. The Word of God
 - o 3. Penance
 - o 4. Eucharist
 - o 5. Holy Unction (Anointing for Health)
 - o 6. Holy Orders
 - o 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@smsrpncc.com. For more information, please visit the website at http://www.smsrpncc.com/

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