



All Saints Cathedral Parish

NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH (PNCC)

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Catholic in Faith, a People Empowered

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ!

As we continue to celebrate the joy and triumph of Easter, allow me to express my gratitude and hope for each and every one of you. Easter is the cornerstone of our faith – the glorious reminder that death has been conquered, sin has been forgiven, and new life has been made possible through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. “He is not here; He has risen, just as He said” (Matthew 28:6). These words echo through the ages and into our lives today, bringing light into every darkness and hope into every burden we carry.

This sacred season invites us to reflect deeply on the love of God, a love so profound that He gave His only Son for our salvation. Through His suffering, death, and resurrection, Christ has opened the gates of eternal life for all who believe. Easter is not simply a historical event – it is a living reality that calls us to renewal, transformation, and faithfulness.

As your parish administrator, I encourage each of us to embrace the new life that Easter offers. Let us rise with Christ from all that weighs us down – our fears, doubts, sins, and disappointments – and walk forward in the light of His grace. Let us be a people of hope in a world that longs for peace and healing. May our lives reflect the joy of the resurrection in our words, our actions, and our love for one another.

Easter also reminds us that we are not alone. We are a parish family, united in faith, strengthened by the sacraments, and called to serve. I am deeply thankful for the many ways you contribute to the life of our parish – through your prayers, your service, your generosity, and your presence. Together we continue the mission of Christ, bringing His love to our community and beyond.

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In this joyful season, I invite you to renew your commitment to prayer, to the Eucharist, and to acts of kindness and charity. Reach out to those in need, comfort those who are suffering, and share the Good News with all you encounter. Let the light of the Risen Christ shine through you.

May we carry the spirit of Easter beyond one day and into our daily lives. Let us be witnesses to the resurrection in our homes, workplaces, and community. May our faith be strong, our hope unwavering, and our love ever-growing, as we walk together as disciples of the Risen Lord.

I pray this Easter season brings you and your loved ones renewed faith, deep peace, and abiding joy. May Christ's victory over death fill your hearts with courage and your lives with purpose. And may Almighty God bless you abundantly in this holy season and always.

Yours in the Risen Christ,
Father David

EASTER DINNER



LAST DAY TO BUY YOUR TICKETS IS EASTER SUNDAY!

ADULTS - \$15.00 YOUTH (3-12) - \$5.00

CHILDREN UNDER 3 - FREE

SOCL Students accompanied by a parent will be guests of the Parish

Donations of Baskets (value of \$50) are welcome!

Contact Margaret Rowinski for tickets.

Easter is Over, So Now What?

By Cathy Andersen, Director
Future Direction Committee

You may find yourself a day or two after Easter, or even a week or two later, sitting quietly and thinking, “OK, I went through Pre-Lent, Lent and Easter. I attended additional liturgies and services. I sat through extra-long Masses on Palm Sunday and Easter. I prepared special foods, made Easter baskets, organized an Easter egg hunt and now it’s all over! So now what?”

Easter is not over. It is just the beginning!

Think for a moment about the *really important events* that have occurred in your life. Your answers may include learning how to drive, graduating, getting a job, buying a car or house, getting married, raising children, taking a dream vacation or becoming a grandparent. As a Christian, would your list also include Baptism, First Holy Communion or Confirmation?

Now go further. What are the most *significant events that have occurred in history*? One might name wars, revolutions, the moon landing, September 11, the civil rights movement, the fall of communism, COVID-19 pandemic, the printing press, the Industrial Revolution, or the Digital and Information Revolution. For certain, these are all very important moments given that they all changed the course of human history. As a Christian, your list should also name the creation, the fall, the call of Abraham, Exodus, the incarnation, the Last Supper, the Crucifixion, the Resurrection and Pentecost. These events all changed history forever as well!

Now return to the events of Holy Week for a moment. Those events showed us both the depth of God’s love and the depth of human sin. The people who cried “Hosanna” on Palm Sunday rejected Jesus only days later. An Apostle betrayed Him. A close friend denied Him three times. Leaders condemned Him. Holy Week is not merely something that happened long ago. It is personal, very personal. We were part of the crowd. We sat at the table on Holy Thursday. We stood at the Cross on Good Friday. The events of Holy Week have a direct impact on our life each and every day! Those events confront us with hard questions and difficult decisions. Will I follow Him or abandon Him? Will I stand at the foot of the Cross or just go on with my life as if nothing happened? Will I receive Him or betray Him?

On Holy Thursday, Jesus gathered His disciples in the upper room for the Passover meal. The mood was heavy although even the disciples did not fully understand why. The meal was vastly different and unprecedented. This meal was unlike any other. Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it and spoke the words that are now repeated at every Mass ever since. "Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is My body, which will be given up for you. Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of My blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of Me." In that moment, Jesus instituted the Eucharist, and *history was forever altered*. In every Mass, we receive God’s infinite grace and love through the Eucharist. What a blessing! What a miracle!

On Good Friday, we witnessed the horrid Crucifixion of our Lord. Were we in the crowd that betrayed Him, deserted Him, spat upon Him, mocked Him and insulted Him? Or were we among those who remained with Jesus as He suffered for us, receiving insults and injuries meekly, and as He showed

compassion even to the criminal who hung on the cross beside Him? Did we stand by Mary as she watched her Son hang upon the Cross? Did we finally repent of our sins?

Jesus then spoke His final words, “It is finished.” He had paid the price for our sins. *A historic event had occurred right before our eyes.*

Then came the miracle of miracles. Lazarus was raised, but he would die again. The blind were healed, but they would still grow old and die. The hungry were fed, but they would hunger again. On Resurrection Sunday, Jesus defeated death itself. He defeated death!! God declared that love is stronger than hatred, truth is stronger than lies, and life is stronger than death. If Jesus had not risen – if this *historic event* had never taken place -- then all the preaching, teaching, signs and graces would not matter. Because Jesus lives, we live. As Romans 8:11 says, “The same Holy Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you.” Read that again. The same Holy Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you! The power of the Holy Spirit that healed the sick, turned water into wine, and split the Red Sea, lives within you! WOW!

So, when you ask, “Easter is over, so now what?”, the answer is this: Life has just begun. It is time to live in the Resurrected Lord. The miracle of the Resurrection is personal, very personal. It confronts us – it demands a response. We cannot remain unchanged if Jesus Christ lives within us. We have joy that is not dependent on circumstances, courage in the face of suffering, faith in fervent prayer, belief in miracles, and confidence that all things are possible through Jesus Christ. We believe that truth and goodness will always prevail over wrongdoing and evil. We believe hatred can be replaced by love, doubt by faith, despair by hope, darkness by light, and sadness by joy.

Ask yourself, “What do you need now?” God is willing, absolutely willing, to resurrect areas of your life that need resurrection. Perhaps your marriage, work, finances or faith need resurrection. Perhaps your mind, heart, wounds, friendships or addictions need resurrection. Go to God – ask Him for resurrection in these areas. Ask Him for resurrection, transformation and healing. Do not be afraid. Do not hold back. Be bold. Open your heart, mind and soul to the loving God whose only begotten Son hung and died on the Cross for you. Let the God of miracles be your God. Depend on Him. Surrender yourself completely to Him.

May this Easter be a really important event in your life, a significant event that you will remember, and a historic event that you will share with others!

Let us pray: Almighty and Loving God, I thank You for all things. I surrender myself to You as Your Son surrendered to death on the Cross for my sins. I make myself available to You for Your service and in service to others. I seek healing – remove the blindness from my eyes, deafness from my ears, darkness from my mind, and hardness from my heart. Grant that I may receive grace, wisdom and courage to live as Your disciple in my every thought, word or action. Transform my ordinary days into ones filled with extraordinary miracles and superabundant blessings. May I forever glorify You in all that I do. Asking all these things in the most Precious Name of Your Son, our Resurrected Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Amen.



Life Happens. Dogs Help.

Gracie is a four-year old goldendoodle who recently joined the Animal Assisted therapy volunteer program at Northwest community Hospital in Arlington Heights.

Gracie is a certified therapy dog who visits with staff and patients throughout the hospital with her handler, Chris Turner. Gracie's visits help patients and staff feel better by reducing stress, bringing comfort, and increasing social interaction.

Currently, there are 45 dog/handler teams volunteering at Northwest community Hospital. They visit patients and staff 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Gracie's calm affectionate nature and sweet personality make her a natural for Animal Assisted therapy. If you, or a family member, would like a visit from Gracie while a patient at the hospital, please contact Chris Turner at 847-828-4045.

ON-CALL GREETERS MINISTRY

We have noted that All Saints Cathedral is in need of volunteers to serve as greeters for special events held at our Parish. These men and women would welcome visitors who come to our parish for funerals, Western Diocese meetings and services, and others events as needed. The volunteers would be called via a robo-call system. Estimated time commitment varies; frequency of attendance would be as little as once or twice a year. Please contact Judie Sydlowski to be a part of this important outreach ministry. Thank you!

ELEVATION OF NEW DEACONS AT ALL SAINTS

On March 3, 2026, here at All Saints Cathedral, the Most Reverend Anthony A. Mikovsky, Prime Bishop of the Polish National Catholic Church, celebrated a solemn Mass of the Word of God during which the Minor Orders of Blessor, Acolyte, and Subdeacon were conferred upon Cleric Allan Justin Becker and Cleric Jason Aaron Fox.



Subdeacon Jason Fox



Subdeacon Allan Becker



Almighty and Eternal God, in Your plan for our salvation You provide priests as shepherds for Your people. Inspire men to answer Your call to become priests, because "the harvest is great but the laborers are few." Grant Your Church an increase of priests and keep them faithful in their love and service to You and the people entrusted to their care. Through their faith and ministry may Your light shine in the world and Your kingdom be built among us. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our High Priest. Amen.

Church Outreach Tips for April

Public Visibility Matters!

- Be seen beyond Sunday.
- Have a booth at local festivals.
- Participate in parades.
- Offer public prayers at civic events.
- Sponsor a little league team.
- Host a town hall discussion night.

Visibility builds credibility, which attracts.

Did you know you can subscribe to the Western Diocese Newsletter? It arrives in your email inbox at the start of each month. Contact Father Senior Charles Zawistowski to be added to the mailing list.

Email: smparmail@gmail.com

Women’s Society News

At its March 22 meeting, the Women’s Society was called to order by its new president, Cathy Andersen. The agenda discussed many upcoming events including Clergy Appreciation Sunday (June 7), Father’s Day Breakfast (June 21), and the Summerfest Bakery Café (August 9).

It was noted that rehearsals for the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin after Easter; however, there have been changes to the ceremony per Father Senior Zawistowski and with a new Bishop being assigned this fall, please watch for more updates.



Bible Study with Father David will resume after Easter. Day/time and Zoom information will be available soon!

We are compiling a database of recommended vendors and tradespeople to assist with maintenance, repairs, and special projects around our church. If you know a reliable contractor, tradesperson, or service provider who has done good work—or could do good work—for our parish, we’d love to hear about them. Please send the vendor’s name, type of service, and contact information to Judie Szydowski (finsec@ascpncc.org). Your recommendations will help us care for our parish facilities and support trusted local businesses.

Thank you for helping us remain a well-maintained and welcoming place for our community.

A Gentle Reminder

As we share our church spaces, please remember to clean up after yourself—whether it’s wiping up spills, returning supplies, or tidying the area you used. If you’re unable to do so, please contact **Deacon Doug** or ask another member for assistance. Thank you for helping keep our church welcoming and cared for by all.



Bishop Jerry Memorial Scholarship Fund



NEW! Tickets are now on sale for a 50/50 Raffle to benefit the Bishop Jerry Memorial Scholarship Fund. Tickets are \$10 each. The winner will be drawn on Sunday, July 12th at All Saints Cathedral Parish. Contact Leslie Rafalko or Judie Szydowski for tickets.



Please remember we continue to collect donations for this scholarship fund as well. There is a dedicated fund in our online giving software.

2026 Youth Convocation

August 3-7, 2026
Camp Monadnock, Jeffrey, New Hampshire



Detailed information is now available in the God's Field, including registration, tshirt orders, materials and health forms. Children aged 8 and older can attend. Early registration fee (**before April 30**) is \$150; After May 1 the fee is \$250. Contact Sandy Dobrovolskis for additional information or contact Very Rev. Robert Nemkovich Jr. at RobNem21@aol.com.

NEW AT ALL SAINTS: WE NOW HAVE A SUGGESTION BOX!



Pursuant to the remarks by Father David Rowinski at our September 2025 Semi-Annual Parish Meeting, the Future Direction Committee has placed a suggestion and comment box on the table in the vestibule. We hope to gather written comments, constructive ideas for growth, insight, recommendations, and even criticism from parishioners to help empower the future.

Please feel free to drop off a suggestion or comment that will inform the Parish Committee or clergy of something that needs attention or will improve All Saints Cathedral Parish. All submissions are valuable; they will be handled with discretion and remain anonymous. The box will be opened only by Father David Rowinski. Index cards/pens are available for your input.

Parish Committee Opening



The Parish Committee is still in need of a Recording Secretary. Meetings are the third Tuesday of each month (except December). We use Zoom for online attendance, and record the meetings to make it easier for the Secretary to produce the minutes. This is important work, and we ask you to consider coming forward to fill this position. Contact Father David or Chairman Gary Kurzynski.

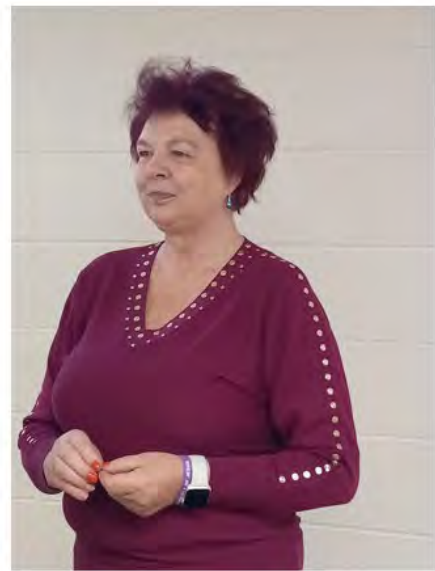
Happy Birthday



Happy Birthday Lottie!
Happy Birthday Phil!



Happy Birthday Nancy!



Happy Birthday Halina!

mark your **Calendar**

April 5 – Easter Sunday

April 12 – Easter Dinner with PTO Basket Raffle

April 29 – Deadline for May Newsletter

May 3 – Q1 Financial Audit

May 10 – Mother's Day

May 24 – Pentecost

May 24 – Memorial Day Celebration

May 29-31 – Mission & Evangelism Workshop

July 4 – Independence Day

July 12 – Remembrance Day for +Bishop Jerry

August 3-7 – PNCC Youth Convocation (Jeffrey, New Hampshire)

August 9 – Summerfest

September 28-30 – PNCC General Synod (Manchester, New Hampshire)

Remember you can find all of our Parish Events on our website Calendar Page here:
<https://www.ascpncc.org/calendar>



The **MAY** issue of the All Saints Newsletter will be published on Sunday, May 3. The deadline for submission is **Wednesday, April 29.**

Submit your pictures and stories to our new email: ascpncc@gmail.com

Remember to include captions for your pictures!

Polish National Alliance Information

Please note the deadline for scholarship applications is April 15!!



2026 - 2027
POLISH NATIONAL ALLIANCE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS
Now accepting applications!

Returning again are our merit-based programs:

- UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP
- GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Thanks to the generosity of our member donors, we are proud to announce the following **NEW** scholarship programs:

- EDMUND (NASIEROWSKI) NASH SCHOLARSHIP
- WALTER & BERNICE KOTAPKA SCHOLARSHIP
- WALTER DROZDAL SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline: April 15, 2026
Official rules & regulations are available on pna-znp.org



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June 12–20, 2027

Starting from **\$2,049** per person*

*Prices are based on double occupancy, USD, and include all taxes. Travel insurance, extra nights, airport transfers and airfare are additional. Please inquire. Deposit amount is \$250 per person. Final payment due on April 6, 2027.

Portrait of Poland

Explore with expert Cosmos Tour Directors and Local Guides, complimentary headsets, and private, first-class, air-conditioned motorcoach with free Wi-Fi. Meals: 8 breakfasts 4 dinners.

Your Tour Includes:

- Guided sightseeing in Warsaw
- Guided sightseeing in Gdansk
- Guided sightseeing in Torun, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Guided sightseeing in Poznan
- Guided visit to Jasna Góra monastery
- Guided sightseeing in Krakow with visit to Wawel Cathedral
- Orientation tour of Zakopane
- Guided visit to Auschwitz Concentration Camp

Optional tours available

- Malbork Castle of the Teutonic Knights in Gdansk
- The Hidden Underground of Wieliczka Salt Mines
- Polish Pierogi Workshop and Tasting
- Authentic Polish Dinner in Warsaw's Old Town



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MEETINGS, ETC.

(unless otherwise announced)

Cemetery Trustees

May 12

Future Direction Committee

April 19, May 13 (tentative)

Parish Committee

April 21

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

to be scheduled

Women's Society

May 17

Saint Cecelia Choir Rehearsal

to be scheduled

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

(see Weekly Bulletin for schedule changes)

Sunday Masses

9 am English / 11:30 am Polish

School of Christian Living Classes

10:15 am October - May

Bible Study with Father David

Wednesdays at 7 pm via Zoom

resumes after Easter

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EMERGENCIES, SICKNESS or DEATHS

Please report to [Father David](#) immediately.

CEMETERY

Visiting Hours: 8 am – 5 pm

Office Hours: By appointment only

Jill Lindenmuth, Cemetery Secretary

773-380-7131 x4 cemetery@ascpncc.org

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GENERAL INQUIRIES

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