



All Saints Cathedral Parish

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Catholic in Faith, a People Empowered

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Twenty-Five Years Later: Remembering September 11

A Message from Father David

On September 11, 2026, our nation will mark the 25th anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. A quarter of a century has passed since that beautiful September morning when ordinary Americans went about their daily lives, unaware that before the day was over, our nation and our world would be forever changed.

On that morning, terrorists hijacked four commercial airplanes. Two struck the World Trade Center in New York City, one struck the Pentagon, and the fourth crashed in a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, after courageous passengers resisted the hijackers. Nearly 3,000 innocent people were killed, including office workers, airline passengers and crews, firefighters, police officers, emergency personnel, and countless others.

Yet September 11 is not remembered only because of death and destruction. It is also remembered because of courage, sacrifice, compassion, and unity. We remember the firefighters and police officers who entered the burning buildings while others desperately tried to escape. We remember emergency workers who placed their own lives in danger to save strangers. We remember the passengers of Flight 93, who chose to resist evil rather than surrender to it. We remember the families who lost husbands, wives, parents, children, brothers, sisters, and friends. And we remember the many first responders, rescue workers, military personnel, and others whose lives were permanently affected by the events of that day and its aftermath.

Twenty-five years later, one of our greatest responsibilities is to remember. For millions of us, September 11 is a personal memory. But for a growing generation, it is history. The 9/11 Memorial and Museum notes that nearly 100 million Americans are now too young to remember the attacks themselves. Therefore, we must tell the story – not simply so that future generations will know what happened, but so that they will understand what was revealed about the human spirit in the midst of tragedy.

September 11 also reminds us that, even in our darkest moments, God can bring light out of darkness. Scripture tells us, **“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it” (John 1:5)**. That day, darkness seemed to have triumphed. But the courage of rescuers, generosity of ordinary citizens, prayers of millions, and unity that followed demonstrated that evil would not have the final word.

As Christians, remembering September 11 should therefore lead us not to hatred or vengeance, but prayer, forgiveness, service, and a renewed commitment to peace. We pray for those who died, those who continue to grieve, and for those whose health and lives were changed by the events of 9/11. We pray for the first responders, military, and their families. We pray for our nation and for a world in which violence and terrorism will one day give way to peace.

The 25th anniversary is more than a date on the calendar. It is an opportunity to ask ourselves: What have we learned? What kind of nation have we become? And what kind of nation will we leave for our children and grandchildren?

May we never forget the names and faces of those who were lost or the heroes who sacrificed themselves for us. And may we never forget that, even in the face of terrible evil, courage, faith, compassion and love remain stronger.

We mourn. We give thanks. We pray. And above all, we remain committed to the promise: Never forget.



Join us at All Saints Cathedral Parish
on Friday, September 11, 2026 for a
Prayer Service at Noon,
followed by Fellowship.

Upcoming Synod

by Parish Chairman Gary Kurzynski

The next General Synod of the PNCC is coming up at the end of September, and the most important piece of business is the election of three new bishops as there are, or will be a need to fill the position of Diocesan Bishop at three diocese locations, including ours, the Western Diocese.

I represented Western Diocese at the most recent Nominations Commission meeting to review and determine whether the candidates who chose to accept the nominations met or did not meet the criteria set forth by the Supreme Council of the Church. Thirteen nominations were submitted to the Commission, but only three chose to accept the nomination and submit the required documents. Of the three nominees, one was determined to meet the criteria. Two others failed on technical grounds, not on qualifications. One nominee had a commitment with the United States military as a Chaplain which did not run out until 2029, and his resignation might not be accepted or he might not be able to be able to serve outside his current geographic billet. The other nominee was unable to attend the meeting as he was out of the country and could not be interviewed.

The sole nominee to be submitted to the Synod for consideration to the office of Bishop is Rev. Nadeem Yaqoob. Rev. Yaqoob serves in the Buffalo-Pittsburgh Diocese at present. He is a former Roman Catholic priest, born and raised in Islamabad, Pakistan. He speaks fluent English, is married with one child. Due to current United States restrictions on visas from certain countries, his wife and child are still waiting for approval to enter the U.S. My first impression is very favorable. He is young and energetic, is well versed on scripture and church history, understands the need for internet communication, has a warm and engaging personality; he seems well suited for the role of a pastor.

Nominations for Bishop can still be made from the floor at the Synod, but the nominee must be prepared in advance to accept the nomination, be prepared to submit the necessary documentation, and stand for an in person interview before the Nominations Commission before their name can be considered by the Synod body. It is a relatively high bar to cross but not impossible if one is motivated by the Holy Spirit.

Prime Bishop Mikovsky indicated that the Western Diocese would receive primary consideration for the appointment of a Diocesan Bishop as our Diocese has been without one for the longest period of time. Should only one Bishop be elected at the Synod, it is very likely that the Prime Bishop with the concurrence of the Supreme Council will appoint that Bishop-Elect to Chicago.

There are some changes to the Constitution being offered, the most impactful to the Parish being a recommended change to the 6%, levy on weekly offerings. I understand the

author's recommended change was altered by the Constitution Committee so there is no telling how this will be resolved.

All will be reported on upon my return.

Future Direction

GOD IS OUR SUSTENANCE

by Cathy Andersen

Members of the Polish National Catholic Church will be gathering September 28–30, 2026 in Manchester, New Hampshire for the XXVII General Synod. During these last few weeks prior to the Holy Synod, all clergy and laity of the Church, whether attending the Holy Synod or not, must stand united as one body of Christ. We should pray that the Holy Spirit guides the deliberations during the Synodal sessions for a fruitful outcome. We should prepare ourselves with great anticipation for the abundant blessings which God will bestow upon the PNCC resulting from the Holy Synod.

We should earnestly turn to God seeking His Will for our beloved PNCC for He is our sustenance -- the Ultimate Source of all that is good. He sustains us in many ways, but my concentration in this writing will be on our receiving of the Holy Eucharist, immersing ourselves in the Word of God, and our fervent prayer life.

All of us should be attending Holy Mass regularly in which we can worship, adore, praise and glorify God. We must participate with gratitude in our hearts for all the blessings that He has bestowed on us – whether in the past, present or future. We must be mindful that the Holy Eucharist is the living presence of Our Lord, the same Jesus Christ that was born of the Virgin Mary, who died upon the Cross for our salvation, who rose triumphantly from the dead, and who now gives Himself to us during Holy Mass. We believe that in the Blessed Sacrament, we receive Jesus Himself – His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

Let us prepare ourselves to worthily receive the Holy Eucharist by fasting, confessing our sins, receiving absolution and the Sacrament of Penance, and then approaching the altar with gratitude, faith and reverence. May receiving of the Holy Eucharist allow us to be united more deeply with Jesus, our souls strengthened against sin, and our charity towards others increased as we live as faithful disciples. May our reception of the Holy Eucharist leading up to the Holy Synod be evident in our demeanor and conduct during all the days of the Holy Synod.

During the weeks prior to the Holy Synod, may we immerse ourselves in the Word of God. We can read the Scriptures daily, study the Bible, and listen to the Word of God during Mass. We must let the Word of God – which is the only Truth – take hold of us, become part of us, and sustain us so we might discern the Holy Will of God for our lives

and for the PNCC. Let us always remember the leadership of Bishop Franciszek Hodur and cherish the decision made at the Second General Synod of the PNCC in 1909 through which the Word of God was elevated to a Sacrament of the PNCC. We are truly blessed!

Another way in which we can all prepare ourselves for the Holy Synod is through increased prayer and devotions. Let us make more space for God in our daily lives. Let us bow before Him in gratitude, beseeching Him for guidance. We should lift the PNCC and all its clergy and laity up to Him in our daily prayers. We should pray for all clergy eligible for the Office of Bishop so they are able to discern God's Will regarding the nomination and election of Bishops at the Holy Synod. We should pray for all delegates attending the Holy Synod so that the Holy Spirit may lead them in their discussions and decisions. We can also pray for safe travel for all those traveling to Manchester, New Hampshire whether from near or far.

To help us increase our devotional time, we can open the Book of Devotions and Prayers of the PNCC. Therein, we will find the Confession of Faith of the PNCC as well as many beautiful prayers for the Church, clergy and other needs. There are also beautiful Litanies such as the Litany of the Blessed Sacrament, Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus, Litany of the Passion, Litany of the Most Holy Trinity, Litany of the Holy Spirit, Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. You may consider disciplining yourself to pray one of these moving litanies daily. One could also sit in Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, or pray the Rosary, the Liturgy of the Hours or the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Let us open our hearts, minds and souls to the beauty of these prayers, litanies and devotions.

For those who pray through song, let us refer to the Hymn of Faith of the PNCC:

*To Thee we come, O Lord, our God,
Before Thine altar, Father.
Thou knowest best our yearning hearts;
This supplication answer.
Lift up from want Thy people, Lord,
Bless us, O God, O Father, bless our toil.*

*Under Thy Cross we stand prepared,
To serve Thee with devotion;
Be it with sweat of blood or tears,
Or humble resignation.
For we Thy people are, O Lord,
Save us, O God, O Father, bless our toil.*

We can also remind ourselves of the meaning of our beautiful Symbol of the PNCC which summarizes in its outward form the substance of Christianity – the Book (the revealed Word of God), the Sun (a sign of religious freedom and fervor), the Cross (the mark of suffering and consecration for others, the Palm (representing well-earned peace). We must then incorporate these Christian principles in our lives through “Truth, Work and Struggle”.

We must remember all those who preceded us in the formation and building up of the PNCC. We should then move forward with great expectation as to how God will continue to bless us in the future! Through increased attendance at Holy Mass and the

reception of the Holy Eucharist, through the Sacrament of the Word of God, and through fervent prayer, God will be our sustenance. For when we surrender ourselves to God in humility, trust Him and believe in Him, we will receive His abundant blessings in our daily lives. Miracles will abound all around us if we just have an open heart, mind and soul to receive them!

May God bless our Holy Synod and the PNCC!

Prayer for Our Synod

Please pray for the PNCC and the XXVII General Synod to be held September 28-30 in Manchester, New Hampshire:



Almighty and Eternal God, You have called us to serve You through the Polish National Catholic Church. Hear our prayer for our Prime Bishop Anthony, our Bishops John, Paul, Bernard and Robert, the priests, the deacons, the lay leaders and the faithful of our Holy Church.

We join in prayer that the upcoming XXVII General Synod will be a spiritual success for the Church and that through it, its work and its plans, the entire Polish National Catholic Church may continue to better serve our Lord Jesus Christ and build up His Kingdom on earth.

May Your gifts and blessings strengthen our resolve to serve You and by our example bring others into the Mystical Body of Christ. May all that we do be for the glory of Your Name and the salvation of Your people. By our faithful witness and service may we eventually be received into Your eternal Kingdom.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Rosary & Exposition

Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



Wednesday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m.
Saturdays, October 17 and 24 at 5:00 p.m.

*Join us in honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary on
her feast day by praying the rosary together,
and adoring the Blessed Sacrament with
devotion, prayer and song.*

ALL ARE WELCOME

Prayer List Re-Set

Beginning Sunday, September 13, the current prayer list will be re-set.

If you or a loved one are in need of prayers, please submit a prayer request (cards in the pewholders) during the offerings, OR contact Father David with your information (773-875-1438 or dmr@ascpncc.org).

If you are submitting the name of a friend or relative, please include YOUR name and THEIR address. Our Hearts of Love Ministry would like to send a card of support. Thank you for your cooperation.



College Student Outreach

This ministry of our Future Direction Committee exists to keep in touch with our college students, whether living at home or away on campus. Students will be contacted only once each semester, and we cannot do this without their email addresses!

If you have a student or know of a college student connected to All Saints, please email me with the contact information. We are not going to flood their inbox, we are only going to send a little remembrance from All Saints! Thank you!

Darlene Niebuhr darjoyo409@aol.com

Youth Convo 2026



Summerfest



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Youth Sunday



Women's Society Jewelry Exchange



Looking for some new sparkle, or a certain color necklace for that new fall ensemble? Come and browse in Fellowship Hall! We will be hosting a jewelry exchange **September 6, 13, and 20**. Clean out your jewelry boxes, drawers, and dressers and bring in **costume jewelry** that you no longer wear or want. Your discards may be just what someone else is looking for! Anything left will be donated to Amvets or Goodwill. For more information, please contact Darlene Niebuhr at 847.207.8538

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Did you know you can find all of our services and events on our Website?
Just click on the "Go To Calendar" button on our Home Page!

Click below to view our full Calendar.

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Veterans Memorial Campaign



With deep gratitude and respect, we invite you to join us in a meaningful and lasting effort to honor those who have served our country. The Veterans Memorial Campaign has been launched to raise funds for the creation of a permanent physical and virtual online memorial dedicated to our beloved veterans, and to invest in our Perpetual Care Endowment.

The Campaign runs through Memorial Day

2027. To date, we have already raised over \$10,500! Watch our website for updates on the funds collected and Veterans Photos which will start appearing soon.



Blessing of the Animals! Pet Food Drive!

Saturday, October 10, 2026 at 11 am



All Saints will be celebrating St. Francis and caring for God's creatures. A brief service will be held at All Saints Cathedral Parish that include blessing of all animals present and in our thoughts. Collection of non-perishable dog and cat food, treats, small toys, old blankets and towels, and cleaning supplies will begin in September and end on October 3. Donations will be given to a few area animal shelters and rescue organizations. The Future Direction Committee will provide refreshments at the service for all humans and animals in attendance!

Contact Deacon Doug at 312-623-6925 if you have any questions.

Bible Study with Father David



Join Father David for Bible Study via Zoom every Wednesday evening at 7 pm.

Contact Father David at dmr@ascpncc.org for study materials and the Zoom info.

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

Remember to call Father David to request a home visit or sick call, and to call immediately in case of emergency or death.

His phone number is 773-875-1438.



Stay In Touch with All Saints!

You can subscribe to receive our Weekly "In Touch" Email every Saturday morning with the latest news and weekly schedule of events. With that subscription you will also receive our Newsletter, published (mostly) monthly.

Just send your name and email address to Judie at info@ascpncc.org.

Semi-Annual Congregation Meeting

Our Semi-Annual Congregation Meeting will take place on Sunday, September 20th after 9 am Mass. Luncheon will be served. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

Contribution Statements

Parish Members – watch your email for your year-to-date Contribution Statement. These will be sent in the coming weeks.

Bishop Jerry Scholarship Fund

*After our recent 50/50 Raffle, the Bishop Jerry Scholarship Fund has now reached **almost \$23,000!** We continue to collect donations throughout the year for this scholarship fund. There is a dedicated fund in our online giving software, or you can write “Bishop Jerry Fund” on an envelope and drop it in the Sunday collection.*



September 6, 13 & 20

Women's Society Jewelry Exchange

September 20

Semi-Annual Parish Meeting

September 28–30

PNCC General Synod
(Manchester, New Hampshire)

October 7, 17 & 24

Rosary and Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament

October 10

Blessing of the Animals

November 29

First Sunday in Advent

December 6

Women's Society Advent Tea

The **OCTOBER** issue of the All Saints
Newsletter will be published on
Sunday, October 11th. The deadline
for submissions is

Wednesday, October 7th.

Submit your pictures and stories to
our new **email:**

ascpncc@gmail.com

***Photos sent by text or received without
captions may not be used.***

We Love Our Community!



All Saints Cathedral Parish has been a supporter of the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child program for many years. Our shoebox Christmas gifts have been distributed around the world to children in need. We collect items for the shoeboxes throughout the year. You can also give a monetary donation through Online Giving or by writing "Operation Christmas Child" on an offering envelope and place it in the collection basket.

Morningstar Mission is based in Joliet.

It provides emergency overnight shelter for both men and women 7 days a week/365 days a year. They also have a food pantry providing food for the hungry and clothing for the needy.

We have now collected and forwarded over **\$5,000** in donations to MorningStar Mission Ministries since 2020!



All Saints is proud to support Women in Need Growing Stronger (WINGS). This not-for-profit organization provides support for women suffering from domestic abuse by providing shelter, clothing and much more. See their website for ways to give:

www.wingsprogram.com

The Helping Hands Ministry is one way that the Future Direction Committee assists our members who need some assistance. Currently we are asking for meals for one of our shut-ins. If you are cooking up dinner, put some aside in a freezer container and bring it to Fellowship Hall. Our freezer is located next to the kitchen. Father David or Deacon Doug regularly visit one of our shut-ins and they bring food whenever it's available. Just let Father David know that food is in the freezer! Thank you!



Church Information

MEETINGS, ETC.

(unless otherwise announced)

Cemetery Trustees

September 8 (in person and via Zoom)

Future Direction Committee

September 13 (in person)

Parish Committee

September 15 (via Zoom)

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

September 13 (in person)

Women's Society

October 4 (in person)

Saint Cecelia Choir Rehearsal

September 10 (in person)

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

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EMERGENCIES, SICKNESS or DEATHS
*Please report to **Father David** immediately.*

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Visiting Hours: 8 am – 5 pm

Office Hours: By appointment only

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