



Catholic in Faith, a People Empowered

August 2026



Welcome to All Saints Cathedral Parish!

What is the (Polish) National Catholic Church?

We are a Catholic and Apostolic Church, preserving the faith of the Apostles and having apostolic succession with an unbroken line of bishops from the Apostles of Jesus Christ to the present-day bishops and priests.

WE ARE A CATHOLIC CHURCH – rooted in Scripture, based on tradition and accepting the decisions of the first Seven Councils of the undivided Church.

WE ARE AN APOSTOLIC CHURCH – preserving the Apostolic Succession and teachings of the Apostles.

WE ARE A SACRAMENTAL CHURCH – which acknowledges Seven Sacraments:

- Baptism and Confirmation
- The Word of God
- Penance
- Holy Eucharist
- Anointing of the Sick
- Holy Orders
- Matrimony

WE ARE A WELCOMING CHURCH – our doors are open to all. Jesus Christ called all to be His followers. He said: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.” (Matthew 28:19-20) Everyone is welcome.

WE ARE A RESPONSIVE CHURCH – meeting the religious needs of our faithful through Mass, the Sacraments and other services and their social needs through various service organizations.

There's Something for Everyone at All Saints!

School of Christian Living - All Saints offers School of Christian Living (SOCL) classes after Sunday Mass for students in pre-school through high school. First Holy Communion and Confirmation classes are also held after Sunday Mass. All classes are free of charge.

Music Ministry - Music has a special place in our parish life. Every Sunday we sing traditional and contemporary hymns and responsorial Psalms. Often we are also blessed with performances by our Children's Music Ministry, vocalists and other musicians.

Youth Organization - The Youth Organization performs service projects within and outside the confines of the Church. They attend Diocesan youth gatherings and National Youth Convocations. Ages 8 and up are welcome to join.

Women's Society - The Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament ("Women's Society" for short) is the oldest organization of All Saints Cathedral Parish and participates in the processions at the solemn Masses, venerates the Most Blessed Sacrament during the Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, organizes and takes part in Annual Retreats, sponsors bakes sales, spring raffles and holiday bazaars for the benefit of the Parish.

Parent Teacher Organization - The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is open to all School of Christian Living parents and teachers, as well as any parishioners who are interested in sponsoring activities and fundraisers for the benefit of the SOCL. The PTO provides the supplies and materials for the SOCL, organizes the receptions for Communicants and Confirmands and their families as well as various parties, trips and related activities.

Scholarships - We financially support our college students with scholarships, including the Bishop Jerry Memorial Scholarship awarded since 2025 in memory of our beloved +Bishop Jerry Rafalko.



*It's time for our
Annual Summerfest and Classic Car Show!*

Sunday, August 9th

Summerfest Hours - 11 am to 5 pm

Car Show Registration 10 am to 12 pm

Bingo Noon to 5 pm

50/50 Raffle Drawing at 4:30 pm

Music by Keith Stras & Polka Confetti 2 pm to 5 pm

KITCHEN MENU

Kielbasa (Polish Sausage) Sandwich <i>with kraut or grilled onions upon request</i>	\$ 10
Golabek (stuffed cabbage roll)	\$ 8
Pierogi <i>choice of potato/cheese, meat, kraut, *NEW* blueberry</i>	3 / \$ 6
Chef Dan's Homemade Kraut	\$ 6
Chef Dan's Potato Pancake	\$ 5
POLISH PLATTER - Great for Sharing! <i>one of each above - SAVE \$ 3</i>	\$ 32

GRILL MENU

Grillmaster Gary's Black Angus 1/3 pound Burger <i>with chips and soft drink with or without cheese & choice of condiments</i>	\$ 9
Chicago Style Hot Dog <i>with chips and soft drink</i>	\$ 4
Roasted Farm Fresh White Sweet Corn on the Cob	\$ 3
Bag of Chips	\$ 1
Soft Drink	\$ 1

BAKERY CAFÉ

*Lots of Tasty Treats!
Prices at the Café*

JERRY'S BAR

*Cold Beer & Other Refreshments
Prices at the Bar*

Trade Tickets must be used for ALL concessions and games. Purchase at the Trade Ticket Booth.

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER DAVID

Applying Wisdom to the 2026 Synod of the P.N.C.C.

As members of the Polish National Catholic Church prepare to gather in Manchester, New Hampshire Sept. 28-30, we do so not merely to conduct the business of the Church, but to seek the will of God for the future of Christ's flock. Every synod, convention, or gathering of the faithful presents an opportunity to renew our commitment to the Gospel, strengthen our unity, and discern the direction in which the Holy Spirit is leading us.

At such times, there is perhaps no better biblical guide than the Book of Proverbs. Proverbs teaches us how to live faithfully in our daily decisions. It reminds us that wisdom is not simply knowledge or intelligence, but the ability to apply God's truth to every aspect of life. For leaders, clergy and laity alike, Proverbs offers timeless principles that can shape both our personal conduct and our collective work as the Church.

The opening chapters of Proverbs establish the foundation for all true wisdom: **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.** (Pr 1:7). This verse should set the tone for every session held during our Synod. Decisions affecting the Church cannot be guided solely by practical concerns, financial realities, or personal preferences. They must be rooted in reverence for God. When we begin with humility before the Lord, we acknowledge that His wisdom surpasses our own.

Throughout Church history, moments of renewal have occurred when God's people sought His will before pursuing their own agendas. The early Church did this at the Council of Jerusalem (Acts 15), gathering not to win arguments but to discern together the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Likewise, every meeting of the P.N.C.C. should begin with prayerful openness, asking not, "What do I want?" but rather, "Lord, what do You desire for Your Church?"

Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. (Pr 16:18) Church leaders naturally bring strong convictions, valuable experience, and deeply held beliefs. These are blessings when offered humbly, but they become obstacles when accompanied by pride or unwillingness to listen. Healthy disagreement is not harmful when conducted with Christian charity. Respectful dialogue often leads to greater understanding and stronger decisions.

Humility allows us to recognize that none of us alone possesses complete wisdom. God often speaks through others. A bishop may receive insight from a lay delegate. A young member may remind experienced leaders of forgotten priorities. A parish priest may offer practical wisdom that shapes the Church's future. Wisdom grows when people are willing to listen.

Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety. (Pr 11:14) The upcoming Synod is an opportunity to seek that abundance of counsel – not merely collecting opinions, but discerning together the voice of God.

One of the recurring themes in Proverbs is the importance of wise speech. **A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.** (Pr 15:1) In any church assembly, difficult topics inevitably arise. Questions of ministry, finances, evangelization, governance, and pastoral care often produce differing viewpoints. Proverbs reminds us that how we speak is often as important as what we say.

Words can either build bridges or deepen divisions; inspire confidence or create suspicion; heal old wounds or reopen them. Every delegate should remember that fellow participants are not opponents but brothers and sisters in Christ.

The Apostle Paul echoed this wisdom when he urged believers to **“speak the truth in Love”** (Eph 4:15). Truth without love becomes harshness; love without truth loses its direction. Proverbs unites both.

Another significant Proverbs lesson concerns integrity. **The integrity of the upright guides them.** (Pr 11:3) Integrity means consistency between belief and action. The credibility of the Church depends not only upon its teachings but upon the character of those entrusted with leadership. Transparency, honesty, accountability, and fairness should characterize every discussion and decision. If our Synod sessions reflect mutual patience, and genuine concern for the mission of Christ, they become powerful witnesses to the Gospel.

Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established. (Pr 16:3). Strategic planning is essential for every denomination today. The P.N.C.C. faces many of the same challenges confronting Christian communities throughout North America: declining attendance, changing demographics, financial pressures, the need to reach younger generations, and the ongoing task of proclaiming the Gospel in an increasingly secular culture.

Successful plans begin with surrender to God’s purposes. We don’t simply ask God to bless our plans; we seek to discover His. This calls the Church to focus not merely on institutional preservation, but on faithful mission. Every committee report, financial proposal, constitutional amendment, and pastoral initiative should ultimately answer one question: **How does this help us fulfill Christ’s Great Commission to make disciples?**

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord. (Pr 19:17) The Church exists not for itself alone but for the world Christ came to save. Our Synod should therefore renew our commitment to ministries of compassion, outreach, evangelization, education, and service. Healthy church balance combines faithful worship with active love for neighbors.

Proverbs concludes with an image of faithful service in the description of the virtuous woman, whose strength, diligence, wisdom, and fear of the Lord make her worthy of honor (Pr 31). Although addressed to an individual, these qualities should also describe the Church herself. We are called to be industrious in ministry, generous in service, wise in counsel, faithful in worship, and steadfast in hope.

As delegates gather in Manchester, let Proverbs remind us that the greatest measure of success will not be the number of resolutions passed or reports approved. Rather, success will be measured by whether those present leave more united in Christ, more committed to His Gospel, and more willing to serve His people.

May our prayer and guiding principle be the words of Proverbs 3:5-6. **Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.**

If the Polish National Catholic Church approaches its Synod gathering with humility, prayer, integrity, and a sincere desire to see God’s wisdom above human preference, the Lord will surely guide its deliberations. The wisdom of Proverbs has shaped God’s people for nearly three thousand years. It remains just as relevant today, calling the Church to walk not in the wisdom of the world, but in the wisdom that comes from God – a wisdom that builds unity, strengthens faith, and equips Christ’s Church for the work He has entrusted to us.

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.

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.

Church Calendar

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.

Go To Calendar

Our Future Direction

All Saints Cathedral Parish Future Direction Committee Cathy Andersen, Director

The Future Direction Committee is a very active committee of All Saints Cathedral Parish. The Committee focuses on the internal and external mission of the Parish, listening to your suggestions and new ideas and implementing many new concepts into action through various ministries. The Committee endeavors to share the Gospel of Jesus with the parish community and its friends. The Future Direction Committee wants others to know the love of God as manifested in His believers and wants everyone to know that they are important and loved. Everyone is an integral part of the Body of Christ.

The Future Direction Committee's ministries include the following:

- Community Outreach
- Hearts of Love
- College Student Outreach
- Birthday Brigade
- Military Members Outreach
- On-Call Greeters Ministry

The Committee maintains current contact flyers in the vestibule and distributes them to area venues. Mass Intention envelopes and Prayer Request Cards which have been recently developed are now available in the pews and vestibule, and a Welcome Booklet and New Membership materials for those interested in learning more about the Parish as well as the Polish National Catholic Church are in the development stages.

The Future Direction Committee participates in various activities throughout the year with remembrances for Valentine's Day, the Lenten season, Mother's Day and Father's Day, along with sponsoring a Christmas Card exchange. The Committee also supports the Parish on Clergy Appreciation Sunday, provides assistance relating to the Veteran's Memorial Project, hosts Fellowship Hour several times throughout the year, reaches out to shut-ins, and leads book discussions. The Committee will also be hosting a Blessing of Animals Event in October this year.

We are all Ambassadors for Jesus Christ. We are His Joyful Disciples. We are His hands and His feet in today's world. Please open your heart, mind and soul to God's unconditional love, His abundant generosity and His omnipotent power.

Please join us in using your talents and spiritual gifts wisely, productively and faithfully in service to God, His Church and others. May all that we do be for the glory of God!

2026 Scholarship Awards

Congratulations to Kara Lindenmuth who was awarded the Bishop Jerry Scholarship this year. Kara is an active participant at All Saints serving as a lector, assisting at church dinners, and helping with the Operation Christmas project. Kara is a 2026 graduate of Maine West High School, and will be attending the University of Tennessee. Kara is the daughter of Steve and Jill Lindenmuth and the granddaughter of Robert and Dian Maycan.

Our annual All Saints Cathedral Parish Scholarship Awards were also presented to MaryJane Scott, Ella Smolka and Joey Scott (accepted by his father Deacon Doug). We are very proud of our college students and honored to support them financially.

Good luck and God Bless You in your studies!



Bishop Jerry Scholarship Fundraiser – 50/50 Raffle Winners



Congratulations to **Bishop Paul and Karen Sobiechowski**! They were the winners of the July 12 50/50 Raffle drawing. They graciously donated half of the prize back to the Scholarship Fund. The total profit was \$2,475. Thank you to everyone who participated!



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

National Youth Convocation



All Saints Cathedral Parish sent six of our young people to the PNCC National Youth Convocation in Manchester, New Hampshire. Attending this year were Tyler, Lyla, Khloe, Olivia, Delfina and Margaret Rose. They just returned (Friday, August 7) and we look forward to sharing their stories and pictures in our September newsletter. Accompanying the youth were Deacon Doug Scott and Sandra Dobrovolskis. God's blessing on them all.

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

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. 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 a.m.

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.



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 **SEPTEMBER** issue of the All Saints Newsletter will be published on Sunday, September 6th. The deadline for submissions is **Wednesday, September 2.**

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

August 31 (in person and via Zoom)

Future Direction Committee

August 16 (in person)

Parish Committee

August 18 (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.

CEMETERY

Visiting Hours: 8 am – 5 pm

Office Hours: By appointment only

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