



All Saints Cathedral Parish

NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH (PNCC)

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Catholic in Faith, a People Empowered

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Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

I wish to extend my Easter Greetings, and rejoice with you in the joy of the Resurrection. I pray that the Easter “Alleluia”, which echoes forth from the Church, will refresh the hearts of all the Faithful. Let us rejoice fully in the Praise of God this Easter.

Through the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, we have been made new in the waters of Baptism and become co-heirs to life eternal. Christ did not forget us during these difficult days, but has been with us! He has strengthened the weak, comforted the dying, and inspired all of us. Learning from Christ’s compassion has also led us to protect and care for the lonely elderly, sick and vulnerable of our brothers and sisters.

Easter is a time for us to be courageous witnesses to our Faith. Our family, friends, and neighbors need to hear the joyful message of Easter — Jesus Christ is Lord, and we have life in His name! May our

hearts be opened to the need for something greater than ourselves. In this time when all things seem virtual, people are hungry for what is real, Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever. Be witnesses of Christ this Easter Season.

Let the light of the Risen Christ, symbolized by the Paschal Candle which shines in our churches during the Easter season, shatter any darkness you are experiencing. Allow the joyful Alleluia to refresh your faith, hope, and love.

Have a Happy and Blessed Easter.

Bishop Jerry Rafalko
Pastor of All Saints Cathedral
Ordinary of the Western Diocese



**Chrystus zmartwychwstał! Alleluja!
Alleluja!**

Pragnę złożyć życzenia wielkanocne i cieszyć się z wami radością Zmartwychwstania. Modłę się, aby wielkanocne „Alleluja”, które



rozbrzmiewa echem w Kościele, pokrzepiło serca wszystkich wiernych. Radujmy się w pełni w uwielbieniu Boga w te Wielkanocne Święta. Poprzez mękę, śmierć i zmartwychwstanie Jezusa Chrystusa zostaliśmy odnowieni w wodach chrztu i staliśmy się współdziedzicami życia wiecznego. Chrystus nie zapomniał o nas w tych trudnych dniach, ale był z nami! Wzmacniał słabych, pocieszał umierających i inspirował nas wszystkich. Uczenie się od współczucia Chrystusa doprowadziło nas również do ochrony i opieki nad samotnymi starszymi, chorymi i bezbronniymi spośród naszych braci i siostr.

Wielkanoc to dla nas czas, byśmy byli odważnymi świadkami naszej wiary. Nasza rodzina, przyjaciele i sąsiedzi muszą usłyszeć radosne przesłanie Wielkanocy — Jezus Chrystus jest Panem, a my mamy życie przez Niego. Niech nasze serca otworzą się na potrzebę czegoś większego niż my sami. W czasach, gdy wszystko wydaje się wirtualne, ludzie są spragnieni tego, co rzeczywiste, Jezusa Chrystusa, tego samego wczoraj, dziś i na wieki. Bądźmy gorliwymi świadkami Chrystusa w tym okresie wielkanocnym.

Niech światło Chrystusa Zmartwychwstałego, symbolizowane przez Paschał, który świeci w naszych kościołach w okresie wielkanocnym, rozproszy każdą ciemność, której doświadczacie. Niech radosne Alleluja ożywi waszą wiarę, nadzieję i miłość.

Wesołych i Błogosławionych Świąt Wielkanocnych.

Ksiądz Biskup Jarosław Rafalko
Proboszcz Parafii Katedralnej Wszystkich Świętych
Ordynariusz Diecezji Zachodniej PNKK

Lottie Pilarski	(4/2)
Katy Overby	(4/7)
Darlene Gniewek Niebuhr	(4/9)
Jessica Smolka	(4/9)
Stephen Scott	(4/10)
Dean Turner	(4/20)
Irena Kneeland	(4/24)
Samantha Scott	(4/28)
Madison Gradowski	(4/29)

If your birthday is missing from this list, please email the office at info@ascpncc.org.



PARISHIONERS: Laura Mrozek, Sonny Collinet, Phyllis Collinet, Donald Pagels, Stephen Scott, Mary Andersen, Adeline Kozak, Barbara Heath, Lorraine Truskolaski, Joan Pagels, Dolores Urban, Joan Maluchnik

FAMILY & FRIENDS: Rita Bader, Eugenia Czaban, Joseph T. Zawistowski, Marilyn D'Angelo, Mark Skorczewski, Sheree Peck, Jeannette Strelau, Donna Keck, Mary Nystrom

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: Gene Paprocki, Richard Stark, Jerry Maycan

ALL OUR TROOPS DEFENDING FREEDOM especially Martin Venegas (USAF), Michael Warren Sobczyk (USAF), Hannah Sobczyk (USAF), Noe Corral-Galvan (USAF)



Women's Society

Please read the following letter from Bishop Jerry.

The Women's Society of All Saints Cathedral Parish has been inactive for several years. We ask you to prayerfully consider what you can do to promote the renewal of our Women's Society.



To the Women of the Western Diocese,

The Ladies Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament is a women's organization that worships our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ present in the Eucharist by holding lit candles during Mass and other services. They also offer the women of the parish a chance for fellowship in monthly meetings and gatherings.

This Society is a group of women in the PNCC who actively promote and maintain the Church and individual parishes physically and spiritually. The organizer of the Polish National Catholic Church, Father Hodur, founded this Society in April 1897 as the first organization of the PNCC. Its purpose is to promote the worship and love of Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament and aid fellow Church members in their pursuit of Christian perfection through example.

Father Hodur founded this organization with great courage and foresight, which elevated women in the Church. In 1897 the Roman Catholic Church required that someone be

present in the Church during a celebration of Holy Mass, and Canon Law said that a man or boy be present with the celebrant. A woman must be present if the other two were absent, but she would have to sit in the back of the Church. Father Hodur said no, not in the Polish National Catholic Church; the women who worship and adore Christ with a lit candle will sit in the first pew. He wanted equality for all who worshiped Christ. The Society's main purpose is the worship of Jesus Christ and the Adoration of His presence in the Most Blessed Sacrament, the Eucharist. It is the spiritual duty and responsibility of our Society that every first Sunday at high Mass, women sit on each side of the front pews, and after saying Holy, Holy, Holy, they light candles as a sign of adoration, reminding all that the Lord God is present. At the most solemn moment of the Mass, they go to the altar rail with the candles to adore Christ and His presence in the Most Blessed Sacrament, the Eucharist. The candles remain lit until the Most Blessed Sacrament is returned to the tabernacle and then extinguished.

Responsibilities:

1. To promote spiritual development within our Society and Church on Parish, Diocesan, and National levels.
2. To assist in the care of the Church according to the traditions and instructions of the pastor and the Society and the National Women's Society, change and clean the altar linens and purchase various items for the altars as needed and decorate the altars with flowers at Christmas and Easter
3. To attend and assist in worship services, meetings, and church functions.
4. To wear the society medal, which has an engraving of the Most Blessed Sacrament on the front and the church motto "Truth Work and Struggle" on the back while holding

candles during Benediction or attending any Society meetings. These medals are presented to new members on adopting a sister Sunday.

5. To remember our sisters who are ill through visits, phone calls, cards, or flowers.

6. To take part in the final remembrance of our departed sisters with a service at the funeral home and a last tribute service held in Church.

There is the active parish level of the Adoration society, which is part of the Diocesan level and the National Level that represents all Women's Adoration Societies. This provides and promotes an opportunity to travel to seminars, retreats, exchange ideas, and socialize with our main focus of serving the Lord and our beloved National Catholic Church.

The United Women's Societies for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament has its own Constitution and handbook, the Society Medal, and its own Publication –The Polka, a woman's Journal full of interesting articles from all the women's societies. They are all dedicated Sisters in Christ who Love, Adore, and Serve Christ and our Holy Church.

The National United Women's Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Polish National Catholic Church will have National Convention this year. The convention will convene on Friday, May 19, 2023 through Sunday, May 21 at the Holy Trinity Polish National Catholic Church, Plantsville CT. The national Board of Directors is looking forward to meeting with many members of this society, the old and the new.

I would like to encourage every parish of the Western Diocese to reestablish the Adoration Society, to elect the officers and with God's

blessing to follow the mission of the society. The diocesan Chaplain of the Adoration Society, Father John Cramer will contact you and will help you with your work for the church.

For your service to the Ladies Society and to the Polish National Catholic Church I give you my apostolic blessing.

May the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit descent upon all of You and may remain with You forever.

In Christ's service,

Rt. Rev. Jaroslaw /Jerry/ Rafalko
Bishop Ordinary of the Western Diocese



A big **THANK YOU** from the Youth Club to everyone who helped make their Palm Sunday Bake Sale a great success! More than \$400 was raised and will go toward sending our Youth to the Western Diocese Youth Gathering this summer.



Sunday, April 23rd

Have you been gathering your unused craft supplies and equipment? Bring them to church on Sunday, April 23rd for our first-ever Crafter's Exchange.

Remember, this is an *exchange*, not a sale. Please only bring items that you are willing to give away. Contact Judie Szydowski at 630-222-0334 if you have any questions.

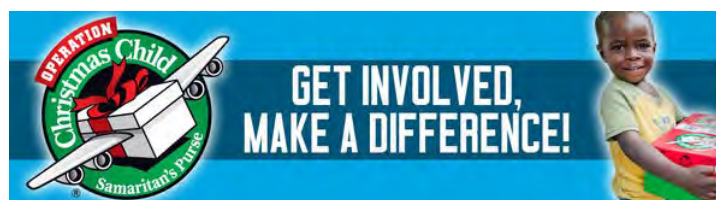


Our annual Summerfest and Classic Car Show is Sunday, August 13th.

Mark Kowalsky has again graciously volunteered to Chair this event. We are in need of volunteers to take the lead for the various attractions and activities.

Please contact Mark at 630-664-5547 for more information and to volunteer.

Thanks!



Operation Christmas Child Recommended Items for April

Stuffed Animals

(new items only please)

Remember 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.

God Bless You in Your New Home!

We are both pleased (for them) and sad (for ourselves) to report that **Barb Bratkowski and Jon Gresey** have moved to their new home. While no longer regular attendees, they will remain members of All Saints Cathedral Parish and plan to visit often. And they would love to have you visit them!



Barb will continue to be a travel agent and would love to help you fulfill your travel dreams. Contact her at bbratkowski@cruisesinternational.com.

Their new address is 29 Hickory, Richmond, Indiana 47374. Their other contact information remains the same.



Attention Book Lovers!

Over the years a large collection of books has been growing in our classrooms downstairs, and these books are available to anyone who wishes to add to their own collection. If you are interested in acquiring some books, please contact Father David or Joanne Gramza.



All are welcome to join the St. Cecelia Choir! We learn new songs to offer at Sunday Mass and for special occasions. We rehearse every Thursday evening at 7:30 pm, in person and via Zoom.

Contact Lori Scott to receive music and to be added to our email list.

Calling All Knitters and Crocheters!



Our supply of prayer shawls was depleted at the end of 2022. The PTO is asking for new shawls to be

made and donated to this ministry. The shawl can be knit or crochet and can be any color. However, the shawls must be 24" wide by 66"-70" long. The PTO has yarn available on a first come first serve basis. Please see Margaret Rowinski or Katy Scott if you have any questions.

May we pray for you?



Mary altar.

Every **Saturday at 5 pm**, (resuming April 22nd) we pray the Rosary in person in the church and broadcast on Facebook Live. Submit your prayer requests using the cards and box in front of the



A big **THANK YOU** to those individuals and families who volunteer to host our Fellowship Hour. The sign-up sheets for February-April are in the vestibule.

If you have been thinking of hosting for the first time, but aren't sure what to do or need a partner, contact Judie at 630-222-0334. Remember – we now have a **Fellowship Fund** to which you can contribute online or in the Collection Basket.



For several years, All Saints has collected donations for MorningStar Mission, a non-denominational organization dedicated to relieving the spiritual and physical hunger of the poor by providing food for the hungry, clothes for the needy, shelter for the homeless and the gospel of Jesus Christ for all.

You can give to MorningStar by using the All Saints Online Giving portal or add your donation to the collection basket by writing "MorningStar" on the envelope. Your donations are forwarded quarterly.

Do you have a charity or volunteer organization dear to your heart that you would like to promote to the congregation? Let us know! Send your ideas to our parish email at info@ascpncc.org.



Please note – the deadline for submissions for the Monthly Newsletter is the **LAST SUNDAY of each month**. Send your submissions to info@ascpncc.org.



Do you have some good news to share with your Parish Family? Send your Good News items to info@ascpncc.org.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

(see Weekly "Blue Sheet" for schedule changes)

Sunday Masses

9 am English / 11 am Polish
(except when otherwise announced)

School of Christian Living Classes

Sundays at 10:30 am September-May

St. Cecilia Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays at 7:30 pm
(in person and via Zoom)

Pray the Rosary with Bishop Jerry

Saturdays at 5 pm
(in person and via Facebook Live)
(resumes April 22nd)

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Parent Teacher Organization

Sunday, April 23rd 11:15 am

Cemetery Trustees

Tuesday, May 9th 7 pm

Parish Committee

Tuesday, April 18th 7 pm

Youth Club

(to be scheduled)



April 2 – Palm Sunday,
Youth Club Bake Sale

April 9th – Easter Sunday

April 16th – Easter Dinner

April 23rd – Craft Exchange

May 1st – Deadline for submitting applications for the 2023 National United Choirs Music Scholarship Awards

May 7th – Confirmation

June 4th – First Holy Communion

August 13 – Annual Picnic with Car Show

ALL SAINTS ON THE WEB

Tell others about our web site and Facebook page, and let us pray they come to find a spiritual home with us!

Web site:

<https://www.ascpncc.org/>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/ascpncc/>



Online Giving from **Our Sunday Visitor** is a convenient, secure way to donate. You can set up regular contributions, pay your membership dues, or make an occasional donation to your favorite cause.

Sign-up is easy! Just go to the website (<https://osvhub.com/ascpncc/giving/>) and follow the instructions. Or contact the office for assistance.



One Call Now is the system we use to send our weekly In Touch Email Bulletin as well as the automated phone calls. If you would like to receive emails and/or phone calls, or make a change to your current setup, contact the office at info@ascpncc.org.

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EMERGENCIES, SICKNESS or DEATHS

Please report to Bishop Jerry or 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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