



All Saints Cathedral Parish

NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH (PNCC)

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Catholic in Faith, a People Empowered

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Happy New Year



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

As I celebrate my next year as your pastor, I wish to express my deepest hope for our parish in this Pastoral Letter. The longer I serve as a priest and bishop, the truth of this statement becomes more evident: The Church exists to evangelize! Put simply, if we believe that Jesus Christ suffered and died for us and rose again to set us free from sin and death, we are compelled to share that Good News with everyone around us.

We are living in challenging times, to be sure. Our world, families, and even our beloved Polish National Catholic Church are experiencing many problems. However, there is a way out: embracing and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ, who said, "Seek first the kingdom of God ..." (Mt 6:33). In the Incarnation, Jesus Christ brought the kingdom of God to earth. "Proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'" (Mt 10:7) In word and deed, our Lord inaugurated the kingdom and taught us to long for its perfection in heaven. "... your kingdom come, ... on earth as in heaven." (Mt 6:10)

Is there anything more hopeful and joyful than knowing that in Christ Jesus, we are loved, redeemed, and given the promise of eternal life? If we genuinely believe that, we can say with St. Paul: "If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Rom 8:31) May we live our faith well, confident in the glory that is ours in Jesus Christ, so that people around us may say the same thing: "Tell me about God, for I am sure that he is with you!" This is our task and our challenge. If we

believe in the Good News, we must share it with everyone we encounter.

I humbly ask everyone in the parish to read this letter and meditate on it. My prayer is that all of us – as families, and as individuals – will put this teaching into practice and heed Jesus' call: "Go and make disciples of all nations ..." (Mt. 28:19). Be ready to articulate and defend the faith at work, in grocery stores, airports, schools and wherever people gather.

Mary, the Mother of God, after receiving the incarnation from the angel Gabriel, went in haste to visit her cousin Elizabeth and share the good news of salvation. She followed Jesus faithfully, shared in his suffering, rejoiced in his resurrection, and received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost with the Apostles. Perhaps her words at the Wedding at Cana are most appropriate for us today, "Do whatever he tells you." (John 2:5)

Let us pray at the beginning of the new year. God our Father, you sent your Son, born of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to seek out and save the lost. Through his cross and resurrection, you have set us free. You sent the Holy Spirit as the first gift to believers, enabling us to preach and teach. Send us out into your field so that more and more of your children can know you and make you known for your glory and our salvation. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

May God bless all of us, and may we embrace our Polish National Catholic faith and share it joyfully with our brothers and sisters!

In Christ's service,
Rt. Rev. Jerry Rafalko

NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our new **Monthly Newsletter**, where you will find most of the information previously published in our Weekly Bulletin. We will also distribute a one-page Weekly Supplement each Sunday with the most up-to-date news and information.

We hope you like this new format, which will save us resources and enable us to deliver more – such as the Pastoral Letter from Bishop Jerry.

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



The tradition of the Polish National Catholic Church and of our ancestors calls for the Clergy of the parish to visit the households of the parishioners with prayer and a blessing in commemoration of the visit of the Three Kings to the humble cave in Bethlehem, the birthplace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Please contact Bishop Jerry if you wish to receive an Epiphany visit and home blessing.

May we pray for you?



After a break for the Christmas holidays, **Pray the Rosary with Bishop Jerry** will resume on Saturday, **January 14th** at 5 pm.

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 Mary altar.



Bible Study with Father David is held on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm via Zoom. Contact Father David to receive the Zoom link and Bible Study materials.



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.



PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER AND BASKET RAFFLE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8TH

following 10 am Mass

Adults - \$15.00

Youth (ages 3-12) - \$5.00

Children under 3 - Free

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

Tickets are still available!

Please call Margaret Rowinski
at 630-885-0167



Thank you for your generous contributions
to All Saints Cathedral Parish in 2022!
Your **Contribution Statement** will be
mailed to your home in early January.



BIG NEWS! Our 2022 Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes have been tracked to **Liberia**, a country on the West African Coast. So many children were blessed with your generous gifts!

You can continue to bring items throughout the year to be packed and delivered in November. A list of approved items can be found by the collection box on the table outside the office.



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.



Aidan Tufano (1/2)
 Kara Lindenmuth (1/3)
 Hope Mierzejewski (1/4)
 Edwin Bogzevitz (1/8)
 Lorraine Kay (1/13)
 Zofia Stawiak (1/16)
 Laura Mrozek (1/18)
 Rudy Smolka (1/19)
 Robert Tomaso (1/19)
 Mahryna Kneeland (1/20)
 Harold Collinet (1/21)
 Bishop Jerry Rafalko (1/24)
 MaryJane Scott (1/30)
 Cleric Doug Scott (1/31)

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



PARISHIONERS: Stephen Scott, Mary Andersen, Adeline Kozak, Barbara Heath, Lorraine Truskolaski, Joan Pagels, Dolores Urban, Joan Maluchnik

FAMILY & FRIENDS: Eugenia Czaban, Joseph T. Zawistowski, Marilyn D'Angelo, Mark Skorczewski, Sheree Peck, Jeannette Strelau, Donna Keck, Arline Graczyk, 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)



A big **THANK YOU** to those individuals and families who volunteer to host our Fellowship Hour. The sign-up sheet for December-February is 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.



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

Our Wishes for You in 2023

Health, so you may enjoy each day in comfort.

The love of friends and family and peace within your heart.

The beauty of nature, that you may enjoy the works of God.

Wisdom to choose priorities, for those things that really matter in life.

Generosity, so you may share all good things that come to you.

Happiness, Joy, Blessings and a very Healthy, Happy New Year!

2022 Riverbank Stabilization Project

Protecting Our Legacy

Fundraising Goal Achieved!!!

We are very excited to announce that we surpassed our goal of \$350,000 with several donations received in December, plus the Wietrecki matching funds pledge!

The Grand Total raised will be announced at the Christmas Dinner on January 8th.

Please continue to bring photos of your loved ones for our Memory Board, which will remain on display through 2023.



We honor the memory of loved ones:

Mary & John Acquino
Bertha Adamik
Donald E. & Catherine R. Andersen
Laura & George Andrews
George Balcar
Thaddeus & Roberta Bednarowicz
Professor & Mrs. Wlodzimierz Belland
Dennis Bergt
Rt. Rev. Stanley Bilinski
Dwight Burgener
Marie Chruscinski
Couch Family
Ronald Cummings
Cybulski Family
Geri Skorczewski Decker
Louise & Carl Eggers
Ericksen Family
Jerry & Valeria Felski
Michael, Frances & Oscar Felski
Fryza Family
Frank & Helene Gniewek
Norman Gniewek
Bob Gramza
Roger Heath Sr.
Bruce Heiser
Charles Hryko Sr., Jadwiga Hrycko,
Edward Hrycko Sr., Raymond Hrycko,
Charles Hrycko Jr.
Michael Keith Hughes
Eugene Jablowicz
John & Anna Jablowicz
Janusz Family
Bishop Elect Joseph Jaworski
Stanley & Gertrude Jilka
Rt. Rev. Joseph Kardas
Victor J. Kay
Victor Kay & Edward Pilarski
Richard Kaye
Carol Kloska
Kolodziej Family
Joseph, Michael & Mary Lee Kosowski
John & Bernice Ksiazkiewicz
Herman & Johanna Kurowski
Gloria Kurzynski
Bernard Lietz
John & Helen Lietz
Joseph & Helen Lietz
Anne Macejak

Doris Matuszewski
Joseph & Lillian Maycan
James & Stella Mazzie
Lee & Yvonne McCaw
Martin & Harriet Michalczyk
Ted, Hilarie & Jarmaine Migala
Rev. Stanley Mrozek
Mary & Lillian Nyczak
Stephen & Anastasia Nyczak
Chester & Helen Nytko
Olszowka Family
Walter & Rose Papish
Papish Family
Edward Pilarski
Casimir & Florence Piotrowski
Piotrowski Family
Prochniak Family
Pruszynski Family
Walter & Barbara Radicek
Josephine Robinson
Most Rev. Francis C. Rowinski
Andrew Ruzkowski
Sadowski Family
Schweda Family
Charles "Scotty" Scott
Kazimir Seremet Family
Sergott Family
John & Lorraine Skiersch
Dr. Richard Skiersch
Walter & Wanda Smolka
Warren & Karen Sobczyk
Anthony & Rose Sobieski
Radmila Sora
Weronika & Marian Sowinski
Harriette & Stanley Sowinski
Edward & Helen Stark
Sylvia Stark
Jack & Tess Sutter
Andrew & Antoinette Swierkosz
Daniel Szydlowski
Peter J. Truskolaski
Urban Family
Felix, Virginia & Edward Wietrecki
Rich Wilburn
Karl Wilke
Stephen & Lottie Winiarski
Lavergne Winiarski
Stanley & Stephanie Woytowicz
Stanley & Kay Wozniak
Rt. Rev. & Mrs. Joseph Zawistowski

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

(see Weekly Supplement for schedule changes)

Sunday Masses

9 am English / 11 am Polish

School of Christian Living Classes

Sundays at 10:30 am September-May

Bible Study with Father David

Wednesdays at 7 pm (*via Zoom*)

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 January 14th

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Cemetery Trustees

Tuesday, January 10th 7 pm

Parent Teacher Organization

Sunday, February 12th 11:15 am

Parish Committee

Tuesday, January 17th 7 pm

Youth Club

(*to be scheduled*)



January 8th – ONE MASS at 10 am
followed by Parish Christmas Dinner

January 29th – ONE MASS at 10 am,
followed by musical presentation by the
Alliance of Polish Clubs Choir

January 29th – DEADLINE for submissions
to the February Newsletter

February 22nd – Ash Wednesday

**February 26th – Annual Congregation
Meeting** (time TBD)

March 12th – Daylight Savings Time
begins (set your clocks forward one hour)

April 2nd – Palm Sunday

April 9th – Easter Sunday

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.

PARISH INFORMATION



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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

PARISH COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

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GENERAL INQUIRIES

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