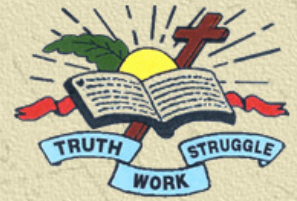




**Saint Casimir's Parish**  
**Polish National Catholic Church**  
 268 Lakeview Avenue - Lowell, MA 01850  
**SUNDAY MASS: 10:00 A.M. -- DAILY 9:00 A.M.**  
 Rev. Andrzej Tenus, Pastor



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NEWSLETTER

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**THANK YOU...**

Dear Friend,

We are very pleased to announce that the response regarding the mailings that were sent to friends and parishioners recently has been very encouraging. The officers and parish committee authorized those mailings in response to many requests from parishioners and friends who are unable to attend Mass, for one reason or another, but who would like to know what is going on at St. Casimir's.

It is our intention to follow up with additional mailings from time to time when the distribution of information about the church and its parishioners seems appropriate.

We hope that this newsletter contains some items of interest about St. Casimir's to you. If so, a simple phone call of encouragement to me at 978-453-0742 or a brief email to [andrzej.tenus@gmail.com](mailto:andrzej.tenus@gmail.com) will insure additional issues in the future.



*Rev. Andrzej Tenus*

**INSTALLATION OF PARISH COMMITTEE**

The Officers and Parish Committee for 2011 were sworn in as a group before celebrating Mass on Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. The members are:

**Co-Chairmen:** Robert Hunt, Dr. Robert Quirbach. **Recording secretary:** Janice Klimczak. **Treasurer:** Isabel Dziura. **Financial Secretary:** Paula Jones. **Directors:** Helen Kowalski, Jean Doda, JoAnn Menzia, Wanda Hedrick, Dan Ford, James Grieve, Patricia Whiting, Mae Zioto, Roland Hubert - honorary, Gus Kowalski, Yvonne Bozek, Phyllis Hunt, Louise Regan, Josephine Wrobel, Helen Cislo, Helen Rogers, Linda Kosidlo, Stanley Kosidlo Jr., Linda Hedrick, Diane Quirbach, Cheryl Grieve, Johanna Ford-Hunt, Wanda Hamel, Sophie Kosidlo, Walter Sott, Diana Gondek. **Financial Reviewers:** Stanley Kosidlo Jr., James Grieve, August Kowalski, Dan Ford. **Cemetery Committee:** Robert Hunt - Co-chairman, Dr. Robert Quirbach - Co-chairman, Louise Regan, JoAnn Menzia, Stanley Kosidlo, Roland Hubert, Honorary supt., Janice Klimczak, Phyllis Hunt, Dan Ford, Cheryl Grieve, James Grieve. **Delegates to Seniorate meetings-first year of two year term:** JoAnn Menzia, Louise Regan, Alt.: Janice Klimczak, Phyllis

Hunt, Paula Jones. **Public Relations:** JoAnn Menzia, Janice Klimczak, Linda Kosidlo.

The installation was followed by a buffet luncheon held at the parish hall.

**PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR 2011**

At a parish committee meeting held after Mass in the parish hall on Sunday, January 16 following the weekly coffee hour and luncheon, a tentative schedule for 2011 was prepared.

Throughout the year groups will continue to meet as noted elsewhere in this newsletter. Coffee hour will follow Mass and the Youth Group will continue to collect items for Operation Christmas Child. The schedule for March and April:

- March 9<sup>th</sup> -Ash Wednesday, Mass at 9 am and 7 pm with imposition of ashes. Lenten services on Fridays at 7 pm.
- March 13<sup>th</sup> -Presentation of Financial Report .
- March 20<sup>th</sup> -TOP 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Corporate Communion. Brunch at Holiday Inn sponsored by ANS and TOP
- April 17<sup>th</sup> - Palm Sunday, TOP Food/Bake Sale.
- April 21<sup>st</sup> - Holy Thursday. Mass at 6 pm followed by a meatless meal provided by the ANS.
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> - Good Friday. Mass of the Presanctified at 10 am.
- April 23<sup>rd</sup> -Holy Saturday. Mass at 10 am followed by preparation of church and grounds by ANS and Youth Group.
- April 24<sup>th</sup> - Easter Sunday. Procession and Mass at 9 am.

The remaining schedule will be published in an upcoming newsletter and the entire schedule can be seen on our web site at [www.stcasimirspncc.com](http://www.stcasimirspncc.com) .

Of course, you are invited and encouraged to attend any or all of these events as well as Mass on Sunday.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Helen J. (Gancarz) Pilat**, 89, passed peacefully on December 17, 2010 at Willow Manor Nursing Home with her family by her side.



Born April 4, 1921 to parents Walter and Mary (Swiderski) Gancarz, Helen was a proud communicant of St. Casimir's Church. She married Stanley Pilat.

Active in the Polish American Veterans (PAV) with her husband "Stasiu," Helen was Ladies Auxiliary President for 40 years, and Sergeant at Arms for many years. She was a life long member of the Dom Polski.

Helen leaves her sister Stephanie Krzywda and husband Frank. "Auntie" is survived by nieces Joanne Stukas and husband Arthur, Sandra Muldoon, Barbara Dunsford and partner Patrick Healey, and Marianne Dunsford and husband Michael Veves. She was always delighted by a grand nephew Michael Muldoon and his wife Monica and their children Lauren Marcia, Erin Sophie and Andrew Thomas. Additionally she is survived by best friend Nancy Picanso and dear friends Ed and Jane Leczynski and Irene Gacek.

**Everybody's Favorites**

**Pierogi - \$11.00 Dozen Golabki - \$18.00 Dozen  
 Kapusta - \$6.00 Quart**

**Available at the Church Hall  
 Every Sunday from 11:00 a.m. until Noon**

She was predeceased by sisters Sophie Dunsford and Mary Cwiklik as well as her beloved cats Midnight, Casper and Fluffy.

**Mary C. (Wasylak) Polchlopek** 95, a longtime resident of Dracut, died December 19, 2010, at Lawrence General Hospital.



Mary was born in Lowell, MA on June 28, 1915, the daughter of Martin and Sophia (Ferus) Wasylak. She was the beloved wife of the late Staff Sergeant Walter Polchlopek who was killed in action May 20, 1944 during WW II.

After receiving her education in the Lowell school system, and graduating from Lowell High School in 1932, she furthered her education at Lowell Commercial College. Mary worked as a secretary for the Federal Government for over 40 years and was retired from the VA Hospital in Bedford, MA. She also was a longtime banquet manager for the Speare House until its closing.

A lifelong dedicated member of St. Casimir's Polish National Catholic Church in Lowell, Mary was also a member of the ANS society and TOP, and a member of the Gold Star Wives. and the Dom Polski Club.

Her survivors include her son, Walter Polchlopek; her sister, Helen Rogers of Pelham, NH; nephews, Steven Wasylak of Dracut, Robert Schiripo and wife, Beverly of Lawrence, William Rogers and wife, Ann of Londonderry, NH; nieces, Beverly (Rogers) Darwent and husband, Richard of Pelham, NH. Karen (Rogers) Trembly and husband, Paul of Lowell, Margaret (Schiripo) Corriveau and husband, Ernest of Punta Gorda, FL, Carol (Wasylak) McNiff and husband, Thomas of Tyngsboro, MA, and Beverly Smith of Northridge, CA; along with many grandnephews and grandnieces.

She was the sister of the late Stanley Wasylak, and Stephanie Schiripo.

**Blanche M. (Krystyniak) Obara**, 96, died Friday, December 31, 2010, at D'Youville Senior Care Center. She was the wife of the late Bronislaw Obara. Born in Lowell on September 19, 1914, a daughter of the late Ukasz and Mary Anna (Kisiolek) Krystyniak.

Prior to her retirement, Blanche worked as a seamstress at Nathan Solomon in Lowell. She was a communicant of St. Casimir's Church and was very active in the church groups.

She is survived by a son, Cyril Obara and his wife, Jewellyn of Ashville, NC; a daughter, Jane Lynch and her husband, Ted of Lowell; a daughter-in-law, Ann F. Obara; three grandchildren, Justin Lynch, Kristen Obara and her husband, Mark Hanson, and Amy Doyle and her husband, Christopher; and a great-grandchild, Orion Doyle. She was the mother of the late Joseph Obara, and sister of the late Louise Timons, Victoria Wyderka, and Stella Krystyniak.

*In Memoriam also appears on our web site.*

## SICK AND SHUT-IN LIST

Every week we are asked to pray for the sick and shut-ins. The following list was published in the weekly parish bulletin on Sunday, December 26th. It is printed here for the convenience of those who, for one reason or another are not able to get the bulletin at Mass on Sundays.

If you or someone you know should be added to (or removed from) the list, please let us know by phone, email, or on the website [www.stcasimirspncc.com](http://www.stcasimirspncc.com) feedback page.

Bergman, Gloria

Lasinski, Florence

Bilionis, Charles

Law, Alice

Billewicz, Anna

Blumberg, George

Bozek, Wanda

Cahill, Kay

Caruso, Joanne

Caruso, Linda

Ciupa, Phyllis

Coulter, Alvin

Czerlonka, Jane

Dawidziuk, Bishop Jan

Donahue, Mary

Dunn, Marie

Fitch, John & Jeanne

Folcik, Mary

Gnat, Bishop Thomas J.

Habery, Stephanie

Halabuda, Antoni

Hubert, Roland

Huzar, Andy

Irvin, Bill

Janas, Dr. John

Johnson, Lori

Joseph, Elliot

Keating, Dr. Kevin

Kirschbaum, Janina

Knapp, Gladys

Koczera, Pauline

Kopacz, Muriel

Kostzewski, Ted

Kowalczyk, Cindy

Kowalski, John, Barbara, Gus & Helen

Laba, Kay

Leczynski, Edward

Lill, Thomas

Maciejewski, Stephanie

Martin, Carol

Maslanka, Olga

Mason, Carol

Meyer, Rhoda

Mieczkowski, Irene

Monarca, John

Obara, James

Piatek, Father Jozef

Pilat, Cecile

Prince, Lisa

Proctor, Richard Ferus

Quirbach, Dolores

Reyes, Father Jose

Riopelle, Esther & Mary

Rondeau, Monica

Runowicz, Henry

Sadoski, Charles

Sicard, Father Gus

Spencer, Xavier

Stankiewicz, Edwin

Sullivan, Denise

Szpyrka, Genevieve

Tayebi, Mehdi

Vigeant, Wanda

Wielgosh, Mary

Wisniewski, Edward

Wyner, Felix

Zabierek, Irene

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Jan 3: Fred & MaryAnn Cody

Jan 14: Kathleen & Fred Soule

Jan 15: Dr. Kirby & JoAnn Nichols

Jan 16: Robert & Suzanne Zabierek

Jan 31: William & Pauline Koczera

Feb.19: Roger & Joyce Normand

Feb. 21: Dan & Donna Toohey

## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Lynne Marie Toohey and James Francis Razza will be united in the Sacrament of Matrimony on Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm.

## MONTHLY MEETINGS

ANS MEETING, fourth Sunday of the Month

CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEETING, last Sunday of the month.

F. CHOPIN CHOIR, second Sunday of the month.

PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING, third Sunday of the month.

TOW. OGNISKO POLEK, first Sunday of the month.

YOUTH CHOIR, first Sunday of the month.

YOUTH GROUP, third Sunday of the month after Mass.