



# ST. CASIMIR'S PARISH PNCC

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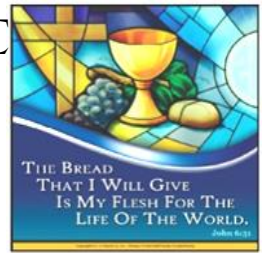
Robert Hunt, Robert Quirbach, Co-Chairmen

SUNDAY MASS 10:00AM DAILY PRAYERS 9:00AM

## August 9 (9 sierpnia) 2020 19 Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33

**Sunday Mass will be streamed live at [stcasimirspncc.com](http://stcasimirspncc.com)**



This gospel episode takes place while the disciples are returning by boat, having left Jesus on his own to spend some time in prayer. Suddenly a storm blows up and their boat is in danger of foundering. Experienced sailors though they are, they find themselves battling hopelessly for their lives against the raging elements. Panic grips them at the sight of Jesus walking ghost-like towards them across the waters. In their distress they appeal to Jesus who beckons Peter to come and walk on the waters also. He starts out with the greatest confidence but quickly loses his nerve as he becomes conscious of the force of the wind and the power of the waves. His faith and his courage fail him and he starts to sink. Jesus promptly answers his cry of distress, comes to his aid but rebukes him for his lack of faith. The storm dies down-the crisis is resolved. Christ's presence produces a great calm on the waters and a deep peace in the disciples' hearts

When confronted with stress and pressure of various kinds we are very much like Peter and can identify with his temptation to despair. A sudden turn of events in life and we are faced with storm which threaten the peace and security of our families and homes. At such moments our faith fails and we need to hear those encouraging words of Christ, 'Don't be afraid.' Life is a perilous journey and we need the help of Christ to guide us to our true destination. Peter's mistake was that he turned to Jesus in real prayer only in a moment of crisis when he was paralyzed by fear and in danger of drowning. There is a lesson for all of us who tend to forget about God when all is going well and who only become serious about prayer when problems and tragedies arise. The saying, 'All we can do now is to pray,' betrays an attitude which regards

prayer as a last resort when all else fails. Christ is prepared to help us at all times and not just in our hour of desperation. If we turn to him in all the circumstances of our lives he will show us how different his presence makes everything.

The gospel highlights the importance of faith and prayer in the following of Christ. When Peter accepted the Lord's invitation to come to him across the waters he was taking a risk-it was a leap in the dark, a journey into the unknown. Likewise, we have been invited by Christ to leave our relative security and follow him with conviction through the storms and trials of life. We need not become casualties on the sea of life because the Lord is always waiting for us with outstretched arms.

<b>INTENTIONS</b>	
<b>THIS SUNDAY</b>	11:00 - John & Anna Krofka, Sophie & Joseph Rajchel, Jennie & Edmund Korpuszik, Frank & Lena Krofka, Mary & Adolph Traversy, Susan Burdin, Gayle Webber, Russell Bulington req. by Frances Bulington <b>Health intentions:</b> all shut-ins
<b>Monday</b>	Father Andrew will be away Jul. 6 -Sept. 5. In Father's absence Bishop Paul will celebrate Masses on Sundays at 11:00. For sacramental emergencies only, please call Bishop Paul at 603-668-5087.
<b>Tuesday</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	Open intention

*Welcome to St. Casimir's Church*

If you are a visitor or have returned after being away for a while, please tell the Greeters as you enter the church. You will be escorted to a seat and introduced to one of our parishioners who will assist you in following the Mass service if you wish. After Mass you will be introduced to Father Andrew as you exit the church and be invited to join us, as our guest, for refreshments and fellowship in our Parish Center.

*We hope you find St. Casimir's to be a comfortable place to worship and share your faith in a loving God!*

**Your prayers are requested for the sick and shut ins:** James Obara, Esther & Mary Riopelle, Carol Martin, Irene Mieczkowski, Lisa Prince, Xavier Spencer, Edward Wisniewski, Irene Zabierek, Gloria Bergman, Carol Mason, Marie Dunn, Father Gus Sicard, Richard Ferus Proctor, Dawn Jopson, Arlene Strazzulla, Jeanne Franzn, Neil Looney, Nona Billionis, Yanna Lantz, Carolyn Damon, Errol Lemelin, Ursula Martino, Cathy Kirschbaum, Maria Madden, Marcy Szczepanik, Marion Kowalski, Gary Mercier, Bp. John Mack, Lucille Foss, Lindsay Griffen, Louise Regan, Jean Bernier, Eddie Bernier, Katherine Gnat, Harrison McKinstry, Kristin Billionis, James Strazzulla, Harry & Jane Cullinan, Ann Marie Deren, Georg Baron, Maureen Carey, Terry Massey, Helen Rogers, Kathy Ferrelli, Phillis Angelillo, Maureen Duffy Arnone; Eugene Leczynski, David Strazzulla and Stanley Sepiol, Lucy Marcuccio, Mark Kourey, Father Adam Czarnecki, Father Senior Fryderyk Banas, and Father Senior Joseph Soltysiak, Fran Ward and Joe Sawicki, John Kirschbaum, Mary Santos, Mike Zarek, Brian and Jen Wood, Nate Rosario, Fr. Tom Sheha; Mitchell Kopacz, Carol McNiff, Dr. Steven Meleski, Jennifer Sheehan, Kayla Tanguay, Sue Scatton, Joe Goldman, Joshua Bakx, Gladys Knapp., Danny Roberts.

**Prayer in Time of National Anxiety**

Let us pray. I come to You, Lord, in this time of uncertainty and confusion that has gripped our nation and our world. I pray that our leaders and representatives in government are filled with Your peace, strength and courage. May your gifts of wisdom and understanding, fortitude and counsel be sought and utilized by them for the well-being of our country. By their belief and trust in You may they provide capable leadership, promote unity and peace, and be attentive to the concerns of our people. May Your Church provide support and comfort; and help strengthen our hope for peace through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Holy Mass intentions requests schedule for the upcoming weeks:**

- August 9, 2020 11:00 - **John & Anna Krofka, Sophie & Joseph Rajchel, Jennie & Edmund Kopusik, Frank & Lena Krofka, Mary & Adolph Traversy, Susan Burdin, Gayle Webber, Russell Bulington** req. by *Frances Bulington*. In Father Andrew's absence Bishop Paul or designated priest will celebrate Mass on Sundays at 11:00.
- August 13, 2020 11:00 - Open intention. In Father Andrew's absence Bishop Paul or designated priest will celebrate Mass on Sundays at 11:00.

**Please, contact Fr. Andrew if you wish to request Holy Mass intention.**



**Donation in memory of all Deceased from Dziura and Hedrick Families** from Walter Dziura, \$100.

**Donations in memory of Adam Piec:** from Lauren Ashley and Nathan Landry, \$50; from Godparents Priscilla and Bill Dorr, \$50.

**Donations in memory of Helen Koza:** Edward & Lorraine Koza, \$500.

**Donation in memory of Randy Zioto:** Ted Szymczak, \$250.

**Your donations are greatly appreciated!**

## **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES – ROCZNICE POŻYCIA MAŁŻEŃSKIEGO**

July 29: Robert & Irene Jaracz; Aug. 1: Eric & Kathryn Nemes; Aug. 2: Richard & Lisa McKinnon, Phyllis & Robert Hunt; Aug. 21: John & Debra Connell; Aug. 28: Linda & Mark Hebert

*We congratulate you, Happy Anniversary! Życzymy Wam błogosławieństwa Bożego, zdrowia i szczęścia.*

## **BIRTHDAYS – URODZINY**

July 26: Ethan Soboleski; July 28: Kyle Coulter; July 29: Elizabeth Proctor; July 30: Jean Doda; Aug. 3: Victoria Zabierek; Aug. 7: Marcella Szczepanik, Sonia Kierstead, Natalie Cintron; Aug. 12: Walter Kubacki, Martin Wojcik, Mae Zioto, Doug Tierney, Matthew Sigman; Aug. 13: Melissa Czerlonka; Aug. 14: Jan Rajchel, Walter Mieczkowski, Brian Pare, Adrianna Bettencourt; Aug. 15: Steven Wasylak, Gail Sawosik, Linda Dalton, Erin Sheehan; Aug. 16: Leanne Toohey, Patricia Whiting, Raymond Whitney; Aug. 17: Jacob Cruz; Aug. 19: Craig Gallant, Darlene D’Addario, Richard Normand, Joyce Byron; Aug. 20: Tanya Poleschner, Shirley Garvey, Ryan Bugler; Aug. 22: April Cantone, Aug. 23: Goldie Spicer, Glen Cantone, Theresa Morin, Amanda Dalton; Aug. 24: Kathryn Zioto, Ileana Medina; Aug. 25: Debbie Cocuzzo, Leo Cassidy; Aug. 26: Matthew Zagorski; Aug. 27: Barbara Leczynski; Aug. 29: Karyn Terry, James Grieve; Aug. 31: Muriel Kopacz, Marian Stachowicz, Magdalena Hunt;

*Happy Birthday to you and many, many more. Życzymy Wam wszystkiego najlepszego!*

## **PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS**

Lord God, Almighty Father, creator of mankind and author of peace, as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask you to bless the members of our armed forces. Give them courage, hope and strength. May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing. Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light. To you be all glory, honor and praise, now and forever. Amen.



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# ACTIVITIES

TODAY **NO COFFEE Hour and Sunday School**

**SAFE THE DATE: IN PERSON Parish Committee meeting, Sunday, August 16 after mass.**

**Father Andrew** will be away for his Chaplain Officer Basic Training at Fort Jackson, SC from July 7, 2020 to September 3, 2020. He will answer regular correspondence sent to his email: andrzej.tenus@gmail.com. In Father's absence Bishop Paul or designated priest will celebrate Mass on Sundays at 11:00. For sacramental emergencies only, please call Bishop Paul at 603-668-5087. For other questions, please contact Janice Klimczak (978-452-9646) or Robert Hunt (978-458-3006).

**Have you felt a tugging at your heart** to do more for the Lord? Maybe it happens while you attend Holy Mass, or while you listen to a sermon, or when you see there is more to do in His name than you are able to do right now. If you feel such a tugging, but are quite sure it isn't for the priesthood, then maybe you should consider becoming a deacon in our church. If you are a male and at least 21 years old and a member of the Polish National Catholic Church for at least five years, you may apply for enrollment in the **Deacon Program of the Eastern Diocese**. Of course, there are other qualifications. Ask the pastor for a list of the qualifications and a handbook about the Deacon Program.

**Because of the coronavirus crisis**, many inquiries have been received regarding Sunday collections and donations to cover ongoing parish expenses. Parishioners are requested to remit all monies to St. Casimir's Church, 268 Lakeview Ave., Lowell, MA 01850 and they will be recorded and deposited by our financial officers. Thank you.

## Church Mice

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## Pray with us in Polish

### Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

### Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

### Sign of the Cross

W imię Ojca I Syna I Ducha Świętego. Amen.

### Our Father

Ojcze nasz, któryś jest w Niebie, święć się Imię Twoje, przyjdź Królestwo Twoje, bądź wola Twoja, jako w Niebie, tak i na ziemi, chleba naszego powszedniego daj nam dzisiaj I odpuść nam nasze winy, jako i my odpuszczamy naszym winowajcom, i nie wódz nas na pokuszenie, ale nas zbaw ode złego. Amen.

### Hail Mary

Zdrowaś Maryjo, łaski pełna Pan z Toba, błogosławionaś Ty między niewiastami I błogostawiony owoc żywota Twojego Jezus. Święta Maryjo, Matko Boża, módl się za nami grzesznymi teraz i w godzinę śmierci naszej. Amen