



# 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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### A SINCERE INVITATION...

Dear Friend,

With the traditional imposition of ashes on Wednesday, March 9, churches all over the world begin the observation of the holy season of Lent. I would like to personally invite you to take part in St. Casimir's Lenten services and activities that will take place during the six weeks that will culminate in Mass on Easter Sunday.

Services will be conducted each Friday evening at 7 pm. Palm branches will be distributed at 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday morning, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Evening Mass will be held at 6 p.m. on Holy Thursday which will be followed by a meatless meal provided by the ANS group. Mass will be offered at 10 a.m. on Good Friday and Holy Saturday. The glorious Resurrection of Jesus Christ will be celebrated with a Procession and Mass starting at 9 a.m. on Easter Sunday.

I look forward to sharing this Lenten season with you Dear Friend and meeting with you at any or all of our services and events.



*Rev. Andrzej Tenus*

### PARISH ACTIVITIES

*NOTE: To conserve space, the following activities span the months of March, April, and May. Activities for the entire year can be found at our web site: <http://www.stcasimirspncc.com>*

Coffee hour takes place every Sunday morning following Mass at the parish center.

March 13<sup>th</sup> - Parish Financial Report for the year ended December 31, 2010 will be presented at a parish meeting. All parishioners who have paid their dues for 2010 are invited to attend.

March 20<sup>th</sup> - Corporate communion at 10 a.m. Mass to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Tow. Ognisko Polek (TOP) followed by brunch at the Holiday Inn in Tewksbury. This event is sponsored by the Fryderyk Chopin Choir, ANS and TOP. Tickets are \$5.00 per person and may be obtained from Louise Regan 978-452-2242

April 17<sup>th</sup> - Food and Bake Sale by St. Casimir's TOP will take place following Palm Sunday Mass.

April 21<sup>st</sup> - Following the 6:00 pm Mass on Holy Thursday, a meatless meal, prepared by the ANS group will be served, at the parish center.

April 23<sup>rd</sup> - Holy Saturday Mass at 10 am.

**APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup> - EASTER SUNDAY - Procession and Mass of The Resurrection 9 a.m..**

May 1<sup>st</sup> - Polish Constitution Day celebration

May 8<sup>th</sup> - Mother's Day Brunch after Mass at parish center sponsored by the ANS.

May 21<sup>st</sup> - ANS Convention in Central Falls, RI.

May 30<sup>th</sup> - Memorial Day Mass 10 a.m. at St. Casimir's Cemetery in Pelham NH followed by a hot dog lunch provided by ANS.

*Of course, Dear Friend you are invited and encouraged to attend any or all of these events especially Mass at 10:00 a.m. every Sunday morning. Call the rectory to arrange for transportation if required.*

### TOP CELEBRATES 75 YEARS

This year the members of Towarzystwo Ognisko Polek (TOP) will celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sodality's inception at the Corporate Communion Brunch on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

TOP was organized on March 19, 1936. Any young woman from the age of 21 is eligible for membership. The purpose of the sodality is "to stimulate friendship, broaden acquaintances and promote good fellowship among members, our church and our community.

While the fellowship aspect of the sodality is still of great importance, the goals have been expanded to provide not only physical and financial assistance to our church and its members, but on an outreach basis as well. Sto Lat!



TOP at 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary- April 28, 1996

### MARRIAGE CELEBRATION

Lynne Marie Toohey became the bride of James Francis Razza at St. Casimir's Church on Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. Lynne is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Daniel J. Toohey, Jr. and James is the son of Mr. & Mrs. James P. Razza, Jr.



Bridesmaids were sisters Shauna Traverso and Jaime Cruwys; friends Deborah Morris and Jennifer Melendez. Anthony Razza, the groom's brother and friend Christopher Morris shared duties as best men.

Father Tenus performed the ceremony assisted by Janice Klimczak as organist and vocalist.

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## WELCOME TO A NEW PARISHIONER



On Wednesday, January 26, 2011 **Amelia Rose Tenus** was born at Lowell General Hospital. Her proud parents are Father Andrzej and Agnieszka Tenus. Amelia Rose weighed 8 pounds 3 ounces and was 20 inches long at birth. She has a big sister, Karina, and two big brothers, Jonah and Christopher. The Parish of St. Casimir's offers congratulations to our Pastor Father Andrew and his family.

## NEWLY BAPTISED

**Molly Ryan Pratt**, daughter of Kristine and Ryan Pratt received the sacrament of Baptism at St. Casimir's Parish on Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. Godparents were Regan A. Pratt and David A. Jopson, shown in photo. Molly's grandparents are David and Melinda Jopson of York, Maine and Maureen Bell of Pelham, NH.



Welcome to the Faith, Molly, and to St. Casimir's Parish family.

## ST, CASIMIR'S PNCC YOUTH GROUP:

The 2010 officers of our parish Youth Group are: President: Rachel Quirbach; Vice President: Aaron Robinson; Secretary: Joseph Quirbach; Treasurer: Rachel Quirbach assisted by Adult Advisor: Diane Quirbach. Election of officers for 2011 is being planned for sometime in March.

In 2010, a Polish Food Bake Sale provided the funds for a donation to Heifer International, and toward the purchase of a PNCC church building in Scranton PA

Spreading the Christmas Spirit by singing carols at Town & Country Nursing Home were: Rachel Quirbach, Joseph Quirbach, Aaron Robinson, Ryan Robinson, Karina Tenus, Adrianna Bettencourt, James Bigelow, and Justin Bigelow

The group donated Food to the Homeless for Thanksgiving and a number of shoeboxes containing gifts were distributed as part of Operation Christmas Child.

On the fun side: A trip to Canobie Lake; performing at the Annual Youth Group Variety Show and also in the Annual Homecoming Dinner. Rachel & Joseph Quirbach attended the Eastern Diocese Youth Retreat and Rachel Quirbach, Joseph Kosidlo, & James Kosidlo attended Convo 2011.

Plans for 2011 include: a spring "Sing Out" at nursing homes; a cookie bake sale to buy new uniforms for the altar servers and Sunday school art supplies and to find more ways to be helpful in the community. The group is looking for one or more "Adult Advisors" who would like to assist in developing a comprehensive program of social and service activities.

## IN MEMORIAM



**Bertha (Smith) (Wayda) Brady**, age 93, of Dracut, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Thursday, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at the Fairview Nursing Home in Hudson, NH. She was the wife of the late Walter Wayda, and Hugh Brady.

She was born in Lowell on Jan. 1, 1918, daughter of the late Joseph and Bertha (Germain) Smith. Bertha was educated in Lowell.

Before retiring, she was employed with Honeywell and Wang Labs for many years. Bertha was also a foster grandparent for 12

years with the Dracut school system.

She was a member of the Dracut Senior Citizens Club, former member of the VFW Post 662 in Lowell, and life member of the Polish Women's Veterans Auxiliary.

Bertha is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Eileen and Roger Somers of Hudson, NH; a daughter-in-law, Donna Rourke of Lowell; seven grandchildren: Tom, Jeff, John, Jr., David and Kelli Rourke, and Brett and Matt Somers; also seven great-grandchildren, PJ, Dustin, Taylor, Paige, Zacharey, Soleil and Wilder.

Funeral services will be private and interment at a later date at St. Casimir's cemetery in Pelham, NH.



**Alice R. (Kapala) Fritz**, 81, formerly of Lowell, died Friday February 11, 2011 at Holy Family Hospital in Methuen. She was a resident of Mary Immaculate Nursing Home in Lawrence. She was the wife of the late Joseph Fritz.

Alice was born in Lowell on April 18, 1929 a daughter of the late Zygmund and Katherine (Janas) Kapala. She was raised and educated in Lowell, graduating from Lowell High School.

Early in her life, Alice worked in the Lowell Mills, Mobile Chemical, and as an inspector for Raytheon. In her spare time she enjoyed reading, playing bingo, going out to restaurants and was an active member of the gardening club at Mary Immaculate Nursing Home.

She is survived by two daughters Kathryn Melancon and her husband Donald of North Chelmsford, Karyn Terry and her husband Michael of Lawrence, five granddaughters: Laura Hitchcock, Lisa & Kristina Terry, Lindsey & Kristen Melancon, several nieces and nephews, and two sisters-in-law Doris Kapala and Doris Fritz.

Spring burial will be in St. Casimir's Cemetery.

*In Memoriam also appears on our web site.*

## MAKING PIEROGI IS A LABOR OF LOVE...

A tireless group of workers, lead by Jean Doda, make the pierogi, golabki and kapusta that is offered for sale by St. Casimir's parish. This effort has proven a good source of income for the parish.

Although the 'pierogi' team may vary from time to time, it usually includes: Mae Zioto, Josie Wrobel, Wanda Hedrick, Alice Rosmus, Walter Sott, Sophie Kosidlo, Cheryl Grieve, JoAnn Menzia, Janice Klimczak, Father Andrew and Agnes Tenus.

Shopping for ingredients is done by Jean and Janice or Pat Whiting. The filling is prepared on Monday and on Tuesday the crimping team arrives. *Kulki* are made to insure that each pierogi is filled equally. The dough is prepared, rolled out and cut into circles. Finally the crimpers fill and crimp, making sure each one is properly sealed. In the kitchen, Walter and Jean check and cook the pierogi. Cheryl butters, packages and prepares the delicacies for freezing.

Their reward for a hard day's work is a free lunch prepared by members of the team.

### *Everybody's Favorites*

Pierogi - \$11.00 Dozen Golabki - \$18.00 Dozen

Kapusta - \$6.00 Quart

Available at the Parish Center

Every Sunday from 11:00 a.m. until Noon