

St. Casimir's Parish

Polish National Catholic Church

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Sunday Mass 10:00 A.M.

Daily Mass 9:00 A.M.

Rev. Andrzej Tenus, Pastor

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Installation of Officers - 2012



Pastor Andrzej Tenus administers the oath of office to the newly elected officers and committee members of St. Casimir's Parish

Co-Chairmen: Robert Hunt and Dr. Robert Quirbach;

Recording Secretary: Janice Klimczak; **Treasurer:** Isabel Dziura;

Financial Secretary: Paula Jones; **Financial Reviewers:** Stanley

Kosidlo, Jr., James Grieve, August Kowalski, Dan Ford, John

Stankiewicz; **Cemetery Committee:** Robert Hunt, Dr. Robert

Quirbach, Louise Regan, JoAnn Menzia, Stanley Kosidlo, Jr.,

Janice Klimczak, Phyllis Hunt, Dan Ford, Cheryl Grieve, James

Grieve; **Delegates to Seniorate Meetings - First Year of a Two**

Year Term: JoAnn Menzia, Alt.: Janice Klimczak, Phyllis Hunt,

Paula Jones; **Public Relations:** JoAnn Menzia, Janice Klimczak,

Linda Kosidlo.

Directors: All of the above and Helen Kowalski, Jean Doda,

Wanda Hedrick, Patricia Whiting, Mae Zioto, Gus Kowalski,

Yvonne Bozek, Josephine Wrobel, Helen Cislo, Helen Rogers,

Linda Hedrick, Diane Quirbach, Johanna Ford-Hunt, Wanda

Hamel, Sophie Kosidlo, Walter Sott, Diana Gondek.

Bishop Paul Installation



The Installation of Bishop Paul Sobiechowski will take place on the second Sunday in March, the Solemnity of the Institution of the Polish National Catholic Church, March 11, 2012. The liturgy will begin at 3:00 PM, with the Most Rev. Anthony Mikovsky, Prime Bishop, presiding over the installation. All parishes and Diocesan organizations are urged to attend the Installation Mass

and program. Call 978-453-0742 for additional information.

Welcome to the Year of Our Lord 2012!



Greetings Dear Friend,

How gratifying it is to be starting our second year of publication of this newsletter! Thank you for your acceptance of our efforts and the encouraging response we have received from you and our readers.

One of the most exciting events of 2011 was the Annual Homecoming held in December that was very well attended. If you were there, we are sure you had a good time, if not, please put it on your calendar for this year. Photos and details are elsewhere in this newsletter.

As you can see we are off to a fine start, having installed our officers and committee members for 2012. These parishioners have pledged their efforts to St Casimir's in its work to spread the word of God and the ideals of the Polish National Catholic Church. We are truly blessed.

We are looking forward to another fun and exciting parish year with activities that include working with a new bishop; the publication of a parish cookbook; a property improvement campaign to address some of the wear and tear issues that have risen over our more than 100 year history; and, of course our schedule of social events throughout the year. A tentative schedule is published in this issue.

We are doing our best to provide you with a pleasant place to come, worship our Saviour Jesus Christ, and enjoy the fellowship of others in an atmosphere of love and spiritual community.

God Bless You!

Rev. Andrzej Tenus

Homecoming 2011 - A Truly Gala Event

Well over 100 parishioners, friends, and guests gathered into St. Casimir's Parish Hall on Saturday, December 3rd, to enjoy the parish's annual Homecoming Dinner. Noticeably absent from the event was Bishop Thomas Gnat and his lovely wife, Katherine, who have retired and moved to a new location. They were faithful attendees to this annual event for many years and will be sorely missed.

Following an opening prayer by our pastor, Father Tenus, the room turned into a friendly frenzy as everyone moved about to exchange pieces of Oplatki and express Merry Christmas greeting to one other.

Guests were seated at tables that were beautifully decorated while they waited for their turn at the buffet table where they

filled their plates with roast pork, stuffing, vegetables, rolls, butter and apple sauce. Dessert was served at the tables by members of the youth group and staff.



Fr. Andrzej and Agnieszka Tenus



Rev. and Mrs. Pawel Lukaszewicz

After dinner, entertainment was provided by members of the children's choir with solos by Joey Grieve and Victoria Hunt.



This year's "Elf of the Year" award was presented to James Czerlonka in recognition of his efforts in promoting the parish by publishing our newsletter and web site.

To continue the tradition started by Bishop Gnat at our first Homecoming Dinner, Pastor Tenus and Rachel Quirbach, hostess and president of the youth group, led the audience in a Christmas carol sing-a-long in both Polish and English.



The festivities closed with the traditional raffle of prizes followed by a closing prayer of thanksgiving by Fr. Tenus.

More photos appear on page 4 and on our web site

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PFC Brian A.C. Jopson II, 23, passed away peacefully, on Sunday, February 5, 2012 after a long and courageous battle with brain cancer, at his home in Dracut surrounded by his loving family. He was a graduate of Dracut High School, Class of 2007. After graduation he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Brian is survived by his devoted wife Angela (Hand) Jopson of Dracut and a large extended family including his parents William and Lisa Hodgson of Dracut and his father, Brian A. C. Jopson I. His grandparents were Roy and Darlene Felix of Lowell and Dawn M. Jopson of Tyngsboro. His brothers and sisters included Christopher Jopson and Patrick and Samantha Hodgson all of Dracut. In addition to his great-grandmother Millie Jopson of Holyoke, MA, he will be missed by many aunts, uncles, cousins and special friends and his dog, Zip.

His family would like to give special thanks to the medical team of Dana Farber and Wounded Warrior Regiment.

Parish Calendar of Activities—2012

All friends and parishioners are cordially invited to participate in any or all of the activities of St. Casimir's Parish

Every Sunday—Coffee hour in the Parish Hall after Mass.

During Lent— ANS Prayer Partners: Caring for the sick, shut-ins

February 22—Ash Wednesday: Beginning of Lent. Mass at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. with imposition of ashes. Lenten Services, Fridays, 7 p.m.

March 18—Presentation of Financial Report and Parish committee meeting

March 25—Corporate Communion

April 1—Palm Sunday TOP Food and Bake Sale

April 5—Holy Thursday: Mass at 6 p.m. followed by a meatless meal.

April 6—Good Friday: Mass of the Presanctified at 10 a.m.

April 7—Holy Saturday: Mass at 10 a.m. Preparation of church for Easter.

April 8—Easter Sunday: Procession and Mass, 9 a.m.

May—Cemetery clean up every Saturday in May: 8 a.m.

May 6—Polish Constitution Day celebration

May 13—Mother's Day: ANS reception.

May 19—ANS Convention; Westfield, MA.

May 28—Memorial Day Mass at Cemetery, 10 a.m. followed by a picnic lunch.

June 2—Diocesan Council meeting, Southwest Seniorate

June 10—Pancake Breakfast (Scholarship Committee)

June 17—Father's Day and First Communion

July 8—Cathedral of the Pines, 3 pm

July 19—Canobie Lake (Youth Group)

July 23-27—CONVO Niagara University

August—Week of August 1 TBA Spinners Night Out

August 8—Scholarship Committee meeting

August 11—Spaghetti Supper and Scholarship Committee awards

August 19-23—Camp Howe Youth Retreat

September 8—Chicken Barbecue

September 28-29—Diocesan Synod at Holy Name of Jesus, S. Deerfield, MA

September 30—Choir Food/Bake Sale

October—ANS/TOP collection for Food Pantry

October 6—Blessing of pets

October 7—Pastor Appreciation Day

October 13—Polish Food Fest/Craft Fair

October 16—Seniorate meeting (Central Falls, RI)

October 28—All Souls Service, 1 pm, Parish cemetery

November—ANS Christmas bags for shut ins

November 4—Youth Group Dinner/Talent Show

November 4—Final day for Operation Christmas Child donations

November 18—Cookie Bake Sale

December—Giving Tree (ANS)

December 8—Homecoming

December 9—Parish elections

December 24/25—Christmas

January 6, 2013—Installation of officers/Brunch

Fun with Old Fotos...

Dear Friend,

While rummaging through some old boxes and other containers, we came across many old photos of various church functions and the people in attendance...and what do you suppose we thought?

You're right! We thought "Who are these people and what are they doing?"

We thought it would be fun to ask you that question and to publish some of the responses in subsequent newsletters.

We have printed a couple of photos below along with a question

or two that you might find interesting. . You can let us know what you think (1) by mailing a short note to the pastor at the address on page 1, (2) send an email to: st.casimir@stcasimirspncc.com or (3) drop your written response in the collection basket on Sunday.

We hope you will find this activity amusing and participate as soon as possible to be sure we have your response in time to be published in the next issue of the newsletter. Of course, if you like, you can remain anonymous...but above all, **have fun!!!**

Refer to the photo by its number. Keep this newsletter and look for the results in the next issue. If you would like copies of any of the photos, just let us know.



1-12-1 Looks like a very important ceremony. Man in grey suit looks like a politician presenting a document of some sort. What was the occasion? How many of these people can you identify? *No cheating...Everyone knows Fr. Joe!*



1-12-2 How many ladies can you identify in the front row; in the second row? Who was cut out of the photo...why? What was the occasion?



Calling All Cooks!!!

We have decided to publish a St. Casimir's Parish Cookbook filled to the brim with the best recipes from the best cooks in our community and we need your favorite recipes! You may submit as many or as few recipes as you wish. We will select the recipes to be included in the cookbook and your name will be printed with each of your own recipes! These attractive 5.5" x 8.5" cookbooks will most definitely become a cherished keepsake on your kitchen shelf!

We need your recipes!!! Send them by mail to the rectory; or by email to st.casimir@stcasimirspncc.com; or bring them with you when you attend Mass on Sunday. Call Fr. Andrew at 978-453-0742 or watch our website www.stcasimirspncc.com for more details.

A recipe form is included with this newsletter for your convenience.



Home Coming Photos...



Yvonne Bozek and Josie Wrobel



Carol & Donald McNiff & Friends



Irene & Bob Jaracz



James and Pearl Czerlonka



Friends of St. Casimir's



Friends of St. Casimir's



Helen Rogers with family, friend



Dan, Johanna & Emma Ford-Hunt



Mike, Pauline Kopacz & friends



Sisters Arlene, Marilyn & Janice



Stan & Sophie Kosidlo & Breaults



Koczera and Grieve family

Pierogi \$11 doz. – Golabki \$18 doz. –
 Kapusta \$6 quart
 On sale at St. Casimir's Parish Center
 Every Sunday after Mass from 11:00 A.M. until Noon

PLEASE NOTE: St. Casimir's School of Christian Living classes are being held in the Parish Center each Sunday Morning following 10 o'clock Mass. First Communion and Confirmation classes are in session. Call 978-453-0742 if you want more information.